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Vandals target student building

Spray paint, glue, dead fish and feces were used to express frustration with the strike

Kailey Willetts

The labour dispute between the UVSS and striking Student Union Building workers is turning ugly. On Friday, Oct. 3, someone graffitied "Resign Now" and "Pay Our Wage, Open The Damn Bar" with red spray paint on the outside walls of the SUB.

While it is unknown who is responsible for the vandalism, acting union president Michael Ryan said the union does not support the action.

"Personally I think I understand a lot of the sentiments that drove people to write it up, but it's not productive to the bargaining process," said Ryan. "I can understand it, but I can't condone it. I hope people realize that even if it was a union member it's certainly not condoned by our organization."

UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs, who came to school to find "Resign Now" scrawled across her office door said this is the latest in a series of vandalism acts.

"We've been experiencing a lot of harassment," she said. "It's totally inappropriate and kind of mean."

Meggs said that the previous Friday she arrived at the office to find glue in the lock to her door, and had to call Campus Security to help her get inside. There were droplets of glue on the floor between the UVSS office door and the SUB basement where the union's office, along with the offices of other clubs and organizations, resides. There have also been rotten fish left in the SUB and human feces on top of a toilet paper dispenser.

"It's resorting to bullying tactics when the best way to do it would be getting back to the negotiating table," Meggs said. "It'd be best if that kind of thing could stop and people on both sides could just be respectful to each other."

Because of the strike, the SUB currently has no janitorial service, and Campus Security, which is also unionized, is not asking its members to cross picket lines for non-emergency services.

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JOSH THOMPSON AND KAILEY WILLETTS PHOTOS

Vandals targeted the Student Union Building on Friday, Oct. 3. Top left: UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs found her office door with glue in the lock. Top right: vandalism outside the UVSS office. Bottom: spray paint on the side of Felicita's. Some of the graffiti on glass was easily removed by the board, but the wall tag will take a professional to remove.

UVSS board member accused of helping union

Access UVic representative says she didn't share confidential bargaining information

Sam VanSchie

A UVic Student Society board member accused an Access UVic board rep of leaking information to union members — info that had been discussed in confidential board meetings and e-mails, including the bargaining strategy they intended to use in negotiations over the wage dispute.

A motion put forward by Director-at-Large Dylan Hardie asked that Rebecca Robb be censured by the board for her actions, as well as be excluded from all further in-camera (confidential) board meetings involving collective agreement negotiations.

"José Barrios, a recent union representative, has made it known that board e-mails, information from in-camera sessions and other confidential information has been passed along to his person by a member of the board of directors, and from him to other union members, representatives and negotiators," Hardie wrote in his motion.

But at the board meeting Barrios denied he had ever known confidential information. Acting Union President Micheal Ryan affirmed Barrios' claim.

Hardie said Robb had been acting in contravention of some of her other elected responsibilities by writing defamatory remarks about Hardie in mass e-mails and not volunteering for any events, or otherwise helping any of the executive directors for the past month.

"It's her cumulative irresponsibility that I think deserves censure," Hardie told the board. Censure is an official disapproval for a board member's actions, which would be noted in the minutes.

The board voted to table Hardie's motion until the next board meeting, after Robb said she had the flu and would leave before the meeting's in-camera session.

She said a learning disability prevented her from fully understanding the motion. Because it was a late addition to the meeting's agenda, she said she didn't have time to read it through, thus limiting her ability to defend herself.

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> "[The motion would] make me into a scapegoat and treat me like a lesser person."
>
> *– Rebecca Robb, Access UVic's board rep*

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Security avoids going in SUB

"Unless it's an emergency situation, some [of our members] are reluctant to cross the lines," said Campus Security Director Pete Zacour. "Have no fear, if we need to respond to something we are definitely going to take the appropriate action."

Zacour said security officers are patrolling in and around the exterior of the building, but haven't had major problems with either party.

"We've actually been finding that people have been pretty respectful to each other up to this point in time," said Zacour. He added, however, that damaging property would not be tolerated.

"We would like to see everybody get back to the table," he said.

After over a month of failed negotiations, emotions on both sides are running high.

"They obviously have a lot of emotion and it's really hard to be out there on the picket line, and I understand that," said Meggs. "We have a lot of sympathy for what the workers are going through even though we are on different sides of a dispute."

"It's frustrating," said Ryan about the drawn-out negotiation process. "We put in an offer last week and it was turned down."

Meggs said that on Sept. 24 the strikers put forward an offer of 75 cents for the lowest wage bracket for the first year, followed by 50 cents and 25 cents the next two years. Meggs said this was something the UVSS would have liked to work with, but the offer was turned down because it was presented as non-negotiable, and there were a few things that the UVSS felt they couldn't accept.

While the dispute seems to be stalemated, Meggs said she has no plan to resign, despite pressure from vandals and a petition by union member José Barrios to bring the question of replacing the board to a student referendum.

"There's a crisis. I feel like it's my responsibility to stay in," said Meggs. "Resigning would be irresponsible to the people who elected me."

Meggs pointed out that a new UVSS board would find themselves in the same situation.

"Whoever got elected would still have this labour dispute and would have to settle the books," she said.

Students have expressed support for both sides of the dispute.

"There's been a broad spectrum of people who have been downright insulting when crossing the picket line, while other people bring in food from home and offer support," said Ryan.

Meggs said the UVSS has also received e-mails and people coming up to offer support.

"The majority of the students are really supportive of what the board's trying to do," said Meggs, stating that the board's goal is really to balance a fair wage with the other programs and services it offers.

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PROVIDED PHOTO

UVSS board members Rebecca Robb (second from left) and Erin Lacharity (beside) pose with striking SUB workers to show their support. Robb is accused of sharing private information with the union.

Allegations will come to next meeting

Tabling the motion would give her time to prepare her defense.

Robb and the other Access UVic member on the board, Director-at-Large Erin Lacharity, have repeatedly told the UVSS in their directors' reports that they support the SUB strikers and express embarrassment of being on a board that they feel doesn't support the workers.

Because of her known stance on the issue, Robb said the motion's intent is to "make me into a scapegoat and treat me like a lesser person."

Robb also said she has not helped the executives because she does not wish to cross pickets, and her office is in the SUB.

Director-at-Large Richard Park said that the union knowing their negotiating strategy is hindering the employer's ability to settle the wage dispute that keeps the SUB behind pickets.

"It's really detrimental to our society that somebody has been leaking information; whoever it is," Park said.

Emergency: officials claim UVic is prepared

A new cellphone system will allow students and staff to be notified of disasterous events

Scott Daly

Months after its launch, UVic is still struggling to get staff and students to sign up for its Emergency Alerts system.

As of Sept. 15, only 12 per cent of the UVic population, or 2,164 students and 324 faculty, had registered their cell phone number to receive a text message in the event of an emergency.

The alert system, which was developed to better communicate with the university community in the event of an emergency through text messaging, e-mail and phone, is the latest initative to improve security on campus.

Peter Zacour, the Director or Campus security, says communication is key to effectively respond to a potentially hazardous situation.

"This system is in its initial stages, however it will facilitate quick and easy contact with students and employees with pertinent information surrounding what is required of them in the given circumstances," said Zacour.

The public is regularly flooded with images of far-off tragedies of school shootings, earthquakes and tsunamis, but many wonder if UVic would be ready if such an event were to happen here.

While most students remain unaware of what to do in an emergency, the university insists that it has undertaken adequate preparations to ensure the safety of staff and students if a catastrophic event did happen.

"The university takes the health and safety of its students and staff very seriously," said Daphne Donaldson, UVic's Emergency Planner.

"In addition to creating emergency plans and procedures, we are constantly participating in training and exercises to gain experience and improve our plans."

There are over 500 faculty, staff and executive personnel on campus that are part of teams trained to respond to any situation.

The level and type of response can be tailored to a particular emergency. UVic's 89-page emergency plan also emphasizes a co-ordinated response with any municipal and provincial emergency officials involved.

Building fires are the greatest potential threat to the safety of people on campus.

Consequently, UVic has established teams in every building to assist with evacuations and every building on campus is required to have an annual fire drill.

While UVic is safe from tsunamis due to its high elevation, earthquakes remain another potential threat.

All buildings have been built to seismic codes with newer buildings understandably being built with higher seismic standards.

Donaldson said she's confident the buildings would withstand a major earthquake, with older buildings having received seismic upgrades.

The greater concern is injuries from non-structural damage such as broken glass, falling ceiling tiles and the movement of large furniture.

In a major regional emergency, where outside help could be days away, UVic would launch its own response.

All available resources, including people, equipment and supplies, would be used, and UVic has pre-planned potential sources of food and essential supplies.

Donaldson stresses that in this kind of situation individual resiliency is important. Individuals should prepare to be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days and potentially up to one week.

Violent situations on campus would be dealt with by police, but UVic would still play a role.

The university would provide whatever support is required by police, and would communicate with the university community on how to use the new UVic Alerts system.

Information on what to do in an emergency can also be found on the Emergency Procedures posters posted throughout campus.

This information is also available on the UVic Emergency Management website.

Donaldson strongly encourages staff and students to register their cell phone number so that they can receive a text message in the event of an emergency.

JOSH SZCZEPANOWSKI PHOTO

Students can now recieve emergency text messages on their cells.

Close shave for cancer

Danielle Pope

When it comes to making a statement, chopping off all your hair will get the message across.

Rosa Castro, 49, decided to do just that on Friday, Oct. 3, in the University Centre.

In a joint effort with Cops for Cancer, Castro, who works in UVic's Facilities Management Janitorial Services, raised more than $3,000 in the two months before the ceremonial lopping took place — one day before the grand finale of the Tour de Rock hit Victoria.

"This is something I've been planning to do for seven years now," Castro said. "I'm so happy for all the support I've received."

Castro, whose husband is a two-time cancer survivor, said that when she turned 43 she made up her mind to grow out her wavy dark hair until her 50th birthday — then she planned to shear it off and donate it to charity. However, as Castro's birthday isn't coming up until March, she decided to take a stance in a more publicly minded time this October, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Castro wanted the maximum coverage on her chopping event, in part to inspire others and in part to "go wild" while she was still young enough.

"This is the one time in my life to do something crazy," Castro said. "So here we go!"

Helena Miklea, the manager of Janitorial Services at UVic Facilities Management said it was her pleasure to help facilitate the haircutting event, but added that she only played a tiny part in Castro's charitable act.

"This really is all Rosa," Miklea said. "Everyone loves her, and they just want to help. It's wonderful to see this kind of a turn out for her and to be able to allow the staff time to see it happen."

Roughly 70 people gathered to watch Castro lose her locks. Most on-lookers were from Facilities Management, though others were friends and family members. Even a few Campus Security officers stopped by to show Castro support.

"I've never been in the electric chair, but this must be what it feels like," Castro said, clutching the edge of her seat before her cut. A rumble of nervous laughter echoed in the crowd.

"Let's do this," Castro said, breathing in.

The crowd cheered and there were tears in Castro's eyes as the first snips of ponytailed hair were taken by her hairdresser son. By the time all was finished, Castro was left with a cleanly shaven head. Her locks measured roughly 55 centimeters (22 inches) each.

Castro's first look in a bystander's pocket mirror left her speechless.

"Oh woah!" she finally gasped.

After the event, Castro said she is still very pleased with her decision.

"It's light — now I won't have hot flashes," Castro said. "Besides, it's only hair. It will grow back soon."

For information on how to get involved with Cops for Cancer, visit their website at www.cancer.ca/cops-forcancer.

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Anti-abortion group wants club funding

Youth Protecting Youth says there is a difference between anti-abortion and anti-choice

Sam VanSchie

An anti-abortion student club that was denied funding in a vote by student clubs asked the UVic Student Society's board to reconsider the decision, claiming the club is in compliance with the UVSS's mandate to support pro-choice.

The UVSS policy since 1989 has been to support "freedom of choice in the matter of abortion."

In 2005, a debate over whether or not that policy should remain brought more than 600 students to a UVSS annual general meeting to vote to keep the pro-choice stance.

Clubs that receive UVSS clubs funding must be in compliance with UVSS policy. Youth Protecting Youth president Monica Murphy believes the group is.

"We are not and have never been anti-choice," Murphy told the UVSS board.

"We affirm that women have the freedom to choose what they do with their bodies. However, we believe that this freedom does not extend to harming the body of another human being, and we believe that the unborn is a human being and person."

She went on to say that, "the freedom to choose is always accompanied by the obligation to choose well, and we believe that choosing life is always the right choice."

Murphy said the YPY member that represented the club at Clubs Council, where club representatives vote on who gets funding, was unprepared to debate the club's merits and erroneously said the YPY was anti-choice.

She asked the UVSS board to overturn the Clubs Council's decision and grant YPY funding.

The board voted 11 to six with one abstention to refer the question back to Clubs Council, so they can hear Murphy's stance and decide if it breaks the UVSS policy.

Richard Park was among the minority on the board that said the board should deal with the funding issue themselves because if Clubs Council decides again that YPY doesn't comply with the board's policy, the appeal will come back to them anyway.

Board chair Caitlin Meggs said it was important to give the clubs an opportunity to judge YPY based on complete information of what they stand for.

"The clubs will get proper notice and know that they will be debating YPY's funding. Those that oppose them can show up," said Meggs. "This way everybody can make a complete and informed decision."

Meggs also said the board could support Clubs Council's decision if a second appeal came to them because they would know the decision was made with all the information.

Director of Services Christine Comrie, who facilitates Clubs Council, said the board should never overturn the decision of Clubs Council which includes representatives of each club and is set up to allow clubs to decide how to spend the money that is dedicated to them.

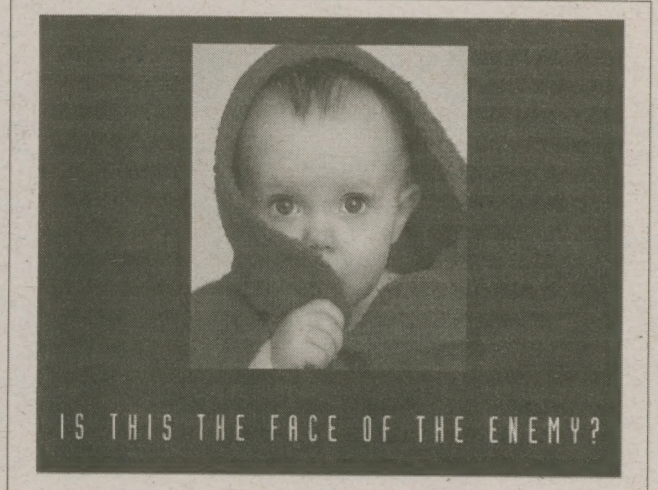
"If they don't want club funding to go to this club, it's up to them. It's their money," Comrie said, explaining that each club that is voted to receive funding splits the allocated amount evenly.

> "The freedom to choose is always accompanied by the obligation to choose well."
>
> —*Monica Murphy*
> *YPY President*

The basis for denying funding is often that they are receiving funding from other organizations or did not request funding. YPY is one of eight clubs that were recognized as a UVSS club but did not receive club funding this semester.

No clubs will receive their funding until after the strike of SUB workers is settled.

The board voted unanimously with one abstention to donate $400 to UBC Okanagan's student society who is currently fighting a $25,000 legal battle in the B.C. Supreme Court against an anti-choice student group that claims their human rights were violated by being denied funding as a student club.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This controversial pro-life ad posted by Youth Protecting Youth was removed from the SUB last March after generating several complaints.

UVSS

- NOTICE OF MEETING -
Annual General Meeting Agenda

UVSS

University of Victoria Students' Society/Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Thursday, October 16th, 2008 - HSD A240 - 3:00pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
   a. Agenda of 2008/10/16 AGM
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
   a. Minutes of 2008/02/14 SAGM
5. **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Motion to amend Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3 - Director Absences
BIRT Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3 be amended to read as follows:

10.2 Leaves of Absence
Directors shall be permitted to take leaves of absence **for a maximum of one (1) semester per term of office to facilitate co-op, work, or any school related activity that removes the Director from the Greater Victoria area.**

10.3 Absences from Board of Directors' Meetings
With the exception of leaves of absence, as outlined in Bylaw 10.2, a Director who has missed **four (4) regularly scheduled** Board meetings throughout her term **of office**, except in the case of illness **or emergency**, shall be considered to have resigned.

i. **Written warning shall be provided to a Director upon missing the third meeting.**
ii. **The Director shall be considered to have resigned upon adjournment of the first meeting missed after having received written warning.**
iii. **Resignation shall be communicated to the Director in writing.**

6. **PRESENTATION OF 2007-2008 AUDIT**

Motion to adopt the 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statements
BIRT the 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statements be adopted.

7. **PRESENTATION OF 2008-2009 BUDGET**

Motion to adopt the 2008-2009 Budget
BIRT the 2008-2009 Budget be adopted as presented.

8. **REPORTS**
   a. **Board of Directors Report**

Motion to adopt the report of the Board of Directors
BIRT the October 2008 report of the Board of Directors be adopted as presented.

   b. **Directors at Large and Advocacy Representative Reports**

Motion to adopt the reports of the Directors at Large and Advocacy Representatives
BIRT the reports f the Directors at Large and Advocacy Representatives be adopted as presented.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD (limit 30 minutes)**
10. **OTHER BUSINESS**
11. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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U of Ottawa gets free HIV testing

Megan O'Meara
THE FULCRUM

OTTAWA (CUP) – On Oct. 8, the University of Ottawa became the first post-secondary institution in Ontario to offer free rapid HIV testing for all part-time and full-time students.

The pilot project was launched by the University of Ottawa Health Promotion office in conjunction with the Somerset West Community Health Centre, with the shared goal of making HIV testing more accessible for students.

Amanda Whitten, leader of the sexuality team at the Health Promotion Office, expresses one particular appealing quality of the service for U of O students.

"It's only for students, so there will be much shorter lines, and it's more of an intimate setting," she said.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, rapid HIV testing has only been available since October 2005, and while that alone makes this pilot program innovative, so does the fact that all students who take the test are able to remain anonymous.

"[The] tester will ask only for your year of birth and your gender," said Whitten.

"Hopefully it will be something that [will be available] all across Ontario in terms of colleges and universities."

The test involves only a finger prick and a moment's wait for the result.

However, if the result is positive, then a standard test involving a full blood sample is needed to confirm the result.

The rapid HIV test is 99.6 per cent effective, so a standard test must be done in the event of a positive result in order to confirm the outcome.

The test takes only 60 seconds to obtain results, compared to a lengthy two to three-week wait for the traditional HIV testing done at health clinics.

This week in Martlet history

Stories from the Martlet archives

Oct. 12, 1972 — Plans for a computer network between B.C. and Washington State colleges that required twice daily U.S. Army helecopter flights between participants were put on hold after the B.C. NDP won the summer election.

The project, called Canadian-American Instruction, would have cost $7.5 million over five years and been funded entirely by American sources.

Interest in including Canadians in the project stemmed from the availability of surplus computer memory banks at B.C. colleges and universities.

Although UVic Vice-President D.J. MacLaurin cited the incoming government's rethinking of budget matters as the reason the project was stalled, the fact that active American military personnel were to visit Canadian soil on project business helped scuttle the initiative.

Oct. 9, 1980 — During a debate held in the SUB Theatre and sponsored by UVic's Debating Club, Western Canada Concept leader Doug Christie declared that Western Canadians must realize that they get nothing from the "corrupt federal system" and should declare independence from the rest of Canada.

"Economically and politically we are controlled by the corrupt industrial-political oligarchy that runs the federal government," argued Christie.

He went on to say that "Mr. Trudeau can ram through Parliament whatever laws he desires, regardless of what Western Canada wants."

The Debating Club's Dan Burnett argued against separation, but lost the debate in a show of hands, as 27 of 32 audience members gave Christie the victory. Still, only six people indicated they supported the idea of western independence.

Oct. 13, 1994 — "It still amazes me that people think they know a lot [about AIDS] when they actually know very little," said John Hancock, a volunteer speaker from AIDS Vancouver Island seeking to clear up some common misconceptions among a small audience at Cinecenta

"The only thing that's clear is that nothing is clear," said Hancock. However, pointing out that many people are in denial, he said that "[people] think 'I'm not gay. I don't engage in at-risk activities. I won't get it.'"

World Health Organization statistics pegged the number of women with HIV at one million in 1993.

Last week, the Martlet produced and printed an advertisement that mislead students and readers of the content in the UVSS Annual General Meeting on October 16th, 2008.

Please find to the left the proper agenda and business for the UVSS Annual General Meeting, in accordance with UVSS Bylaws.

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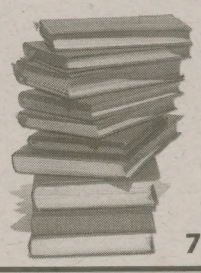

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GETTING INVOLVED

JOSH SZCZEPANOWSKI PHOTO

UVic student Susie Bowles says being a member of the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) has changed her life. BCYP is accepting applications until Oct. 22.

BCYP recruits representatives for upcoming year

Portia Yip

From now until Oct. 22, those interested in a chance to be a British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) member for the year are encouraged to submit their nomination forms.

Successful applicants must be aged 16 to 21, and will be notified in early November. A total of 95 youths, both new and returning, will attend the 80th annual parliamentary session at the Legislature from Dec. 27 to 31 this year. As a non-profit organization, BCYP combines parliamentary education and community service to help take direct action within B.C.

UVic student Susie Bowles, who is entering her fourth year with BCYP as Minister of Finance, says BCYP is "the biggest thing that happened to my life."

"We learn the process that our government goes through, make new friends [and] become more involved in the community," said Bowles.

BCYP representatives hail from all across B.C. and act as independents in the Legislative Chambers — voting individually without affiliation to political parties. Each year, members experience first-hand the parliamentary process and debate legislation, and get the opportunity to organize numerous projects for the upcoming year.

Five days in December are spent debating a range of issues during intensive 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. sessions which stop only for meals and breaks. The activities BCYP lays out for 2009 will be debated and legislated by Cabinet. In addition to electing a Premier, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Opposition for the following year, youth parliamentarians also debate local, national and international issues. Bowles said she has made many friends who share her passion for makeing a difference.

Following the parliamentary session, BCYP members present the projects they've designed as government bills; the bills that pass are then put into action. This way, BCYP plays an active role in the community and isn't just a mock parliament.

One of the largest projects BCYP undertakes is Camp Phoenix — an annual, week-long summer camp for 50 children aged eight to 11, who would normally not be able to attend a camp due to social or financial difficulties. Camp Phoenix costs approximately $20,000 to run, which represents over half of BCYP's annual budget. Every year the camp is held at a different location, but children from anywhere in the province are eligible to attend.

"Most of our energy goes into the camp," said Bowles. "Every member has dedicated some time [to it]."

Throughout the year, BCYP members organize, fundraise and participate as staff members for Camp Phoenix. The ratio of staff to children is three to five, which allows an adult figure to help a child in need of a listener, teacher or someone to just have fun with. The camp offers children who come from troubled homes a chance to make lasting memories and be a kid again.

Sweet Dreams is one of the largest fundraisers BCYP holds, helping to raise money for Camp Phoenix. The Sweet Dreams event is an auction undertaken with such themes as "Dessert Auction," "Wine and Cheese" and last June's "Dinner and Auction." Most of the proceeds go toward Camp Phoenix, although the money also funds the other projects BCYP tackles each year.

In 2009, BCYP will take on another year of engrossed activities and make a difference in the lives of children and adults alike. New members choosing to devote their time and efforts to BCYP will see the result of their hard work for years to come.

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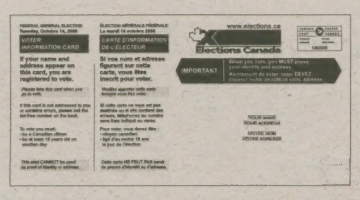

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Elections Canada

Youth now getting involved in politics

Scott Daly

While a recent survey by the Dominion Institute suggests that voter turnout for those under 24 may be the lowest ever this election, many young people are still making an effort to become engaged in the political process.

Lindsay McDowell, a fourth-year UVic student, decided to join Victoria NDP candidate Denise Savoie's campaign because she felt the party best represented the concerns of young people.

"I'm really glad I'm doing it," said McDowell. "Historically, young people have had very little voice in politics, and given that those in power are typically much older, it's important for young people to build a political foundation now."

Currently, only three per cent of political party members in Canada are under 25 and the average age of a party member is 59-years-old.

Fourth-year UVic student Reid Yester has been distributing flyers, putting up lawn signs and organizing young Conservatives in support of Victoria Conservative candidate Jack McClintock since the beginning of the election campaign. He suggests many young people may not become involved in politics because of a lack of time, a lack of incentive and, in some cases, the possibility of being socially outcast.

"Going against the grain can be intimidating to some potential volunteers — for example, volunteering for the Conservative Party in Victoria or any party other than the Conservatives in Alberta," said Yester. "Most people would prefer not to be ostracized by their peers for their political beliefs."

However, Yester feels that getting involved in the political process provides an excellent personal opportunity.

"Besides the fact that it is an opportunity to work on something that you presumably believe in, it provides a chance to establish contacts within the community, build up your resumé and learn about the system," said Yester.

A survey by William Cross, a professor at Carleton University, found that the young people who do get involved are motivated primarily out of a desire to affect policy.

Over 92 per cent of young Liberal and young NDP members reported their motivation to join their respective parties was to make a difference in social and political issues, with around 20 per cent saying they joined to influence party policy on one particular issue.

Youth were also much more likely to become politically involved if they had a family member or friend who was already a member of a political party.

Looking to motivate youths who continue to stay away, political parties are joining a growing chorus of not-for-profit groups aimed at getting young people involved in the process. NDP MP Denise Savoie says that young people have been invaluable in her campaign.

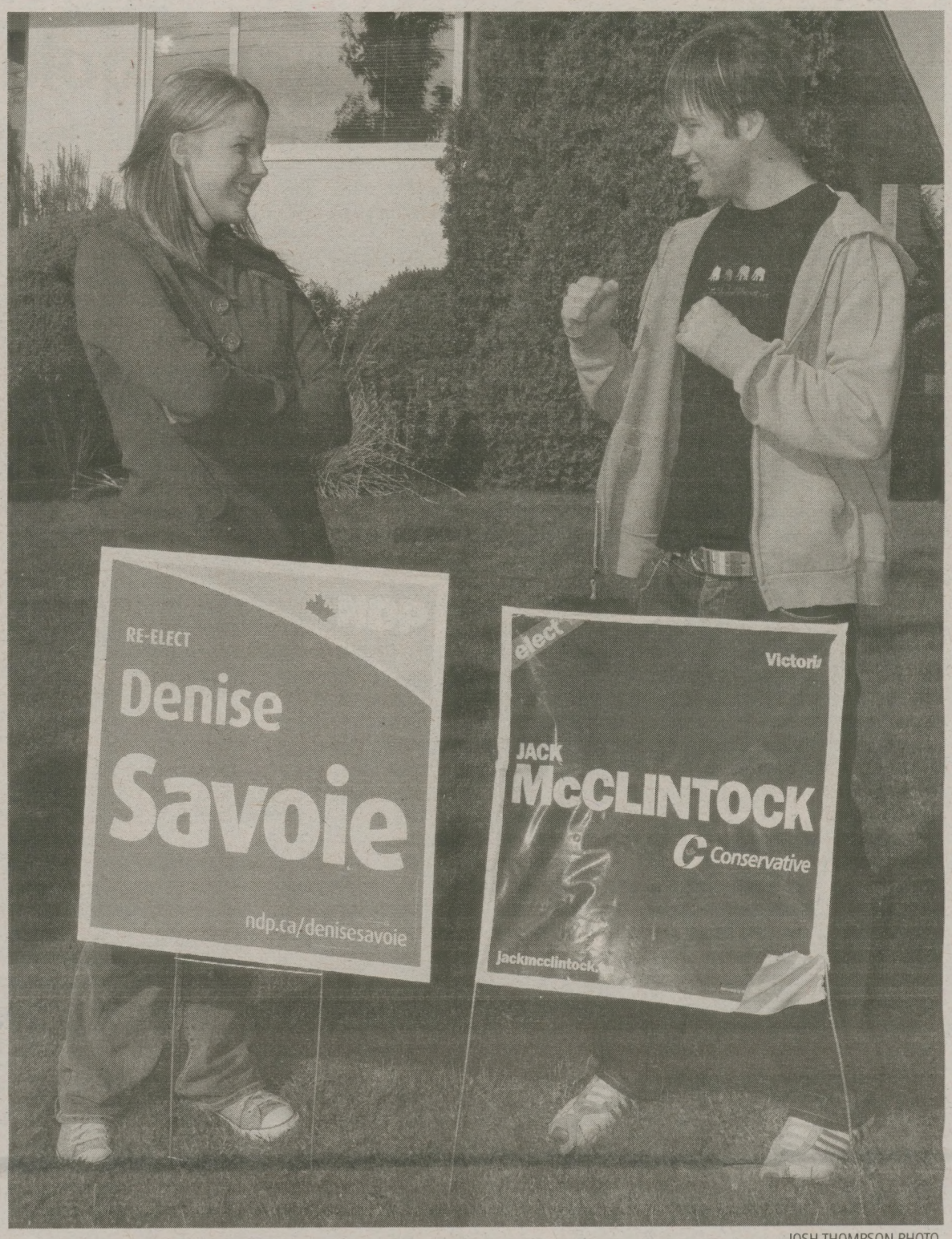
"Personally, I have been honoured to have so many young people volunteering on my campaign," said Savoie. "They have brought energy and fun, and have a real thoughtfulness on the issues."

Low turnout among young voters has been cited as another symptom of disinterest in politics.

Elections Canada spent $10 million during the last election to encourage young people to vote and managed to boost turnout to 44 per cent of eligible voters, compared to just 37 per cent in the 2004 election.

UVic political science professor Mona Brash suggests that many university-aged people don't vote because they think it is too late to register.

"This is absolutely untrue," said Brash. "If anyone has not registered by election day, they can still register on election day. Your generation and your concerns need to be heard."



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UVic students Lindsay McDowell and Reid Yester stand by their chosen candidates in the Victoria riding.

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Saab and Park Shannon centre on environment, while Savoie and McClintock focus on economy

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Adam Saab
Green

Victoria Green Party candidate Adam Saab arrived fresh on the scene for this election. The recent UBC grad claims that his abilities combined with an experienced team justify a place for his name on the ballot.

"I'm the representative of the Green Party, but I'm not alone," says Saab. "I have a very strong team that works with me. I have full generations of experience on my side."

After finishing his education in 2007, Saab moved to Victoria and began volunteering with the Greens. Organizing campaigns led to an offer of candidacy.

At UBC, he completed both philosophy and psychology degrees, disciplines which he says help him to deal with people and policy.

"I just followed what seemed right [after I graduated] and what I was passionate about, and I ended up here," Saab said.

"Before I could vote, I was influenced by my family," Saab said, saying that their influence introduced him to "the idea of what the environment does for us for free." He went on to describe the process which brought him from his pre-voter years to where he is now.

"It stemmed from that to understanding we have to take a very integrated approach to everything we do in our lives." Eventually, "I started to understand that the Green party had something good going for them," Saab said.

"When you deal with any one big name issue, it will have an effect on all the other big name issues," he said. "Taking care of the environment is just a necessary priority, and will help you ensure that you take care of everything else."

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Anne Park Shannon
Liberal

"I chose to become the candidate for the Liberal Party because I think this election we're having is probably one of the most important we'll have in our lifetime," said Liberal candidate Anne Park Shannon. "It's about our future."

Park Shannon was approached by Liberal Party representatives with an offer of candidacy in March of last year.

"Stéphane Dion is a man of great courage, and of ideas," she said, voicing admiration for the Liberal leader. "That's the kind of qualities I expect from a leader: someone who will help us meet the challenges of our future and talk openly with Canadians about them."

Park Shannon cites a wealth of past political experience as justification for her candidacy.

"I have a background at the national level and international level," she said, noting her experience as a senior member of Canada's Foreign Service, and in a senior position at the Ministry of Finance.

She also emphasized experience with two of this election's hot-button topics.

"We need to be making the transition to a greener economy, and I'm particularly interested in that because of my background as an environmental negotiator and someone who's very much involved in the economy and trade," she said.

"I know a lot about how policy is made in Ottawa. I think I would hit the deck running."

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Denise Savoie
NDP

NDP incumbent Denise Savoie says that once the federal election is over her first priorities will be sleep and time with family.

Since 2006, Savoie has been the MP for the Victoria riding. Regarding that time, she said that she wouldn't make any major changes in her approach if re-elected.

"I feel that I have been able to have an impact," Savoie said. She attributes that impact in part to the leadership of Jack Layton, saying, "I think that Jack listens when we speak. It's not a one-man band."

An educator by trade, Savoie has held the position of NDP post-secondary critic since her election two years ago. She tabled a Post-Secondary Education Act (Bill C-398) intended to establish further federal post-secondary funding guidelines in February of last year. It is now awaiting second reading.

Savoie said that she got involved with the NDP because she believes in their approach.

"I think it's the [party] that most closely matches my values and allows me to vote with my conscience," she said. "I think [the NDP] really represents a balanced approach to governing."

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Jack McClintock
Conservative

Long-time Conservative supporter Jack McClintock is in the running for the first time this election. A Victoria police officer for over 25 years, he was acclaimed to the candidacy in 2007. McClintock also ran in the 2004 Conservative nomination race, losing by 13 votes.

"When the writ was dropped, it was time to move on and go fully committed into this election," McClintock said.

He and his wife has previously made the decision that he would retire either next January or when an election was called.

"I believe in [the Conservatives'] approach to fiscal prudence, their social direction, and the direction they're going as far as the economy is concerned," said McClintock.

He also spoke confidently of party leader Stephen Harper, citing prior experience evaluating people as a police officer on the job.

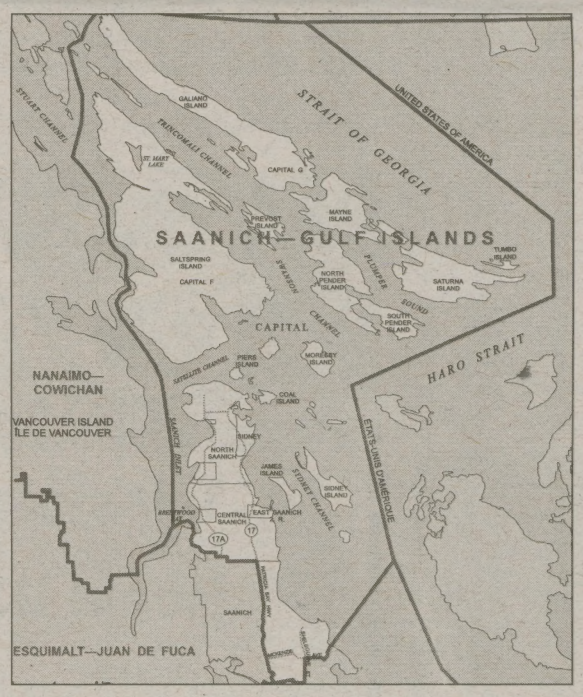
"I made a quick decision that Stephen Harper was an honourable man, a man of integrity, a man I could trust," McClintock said.

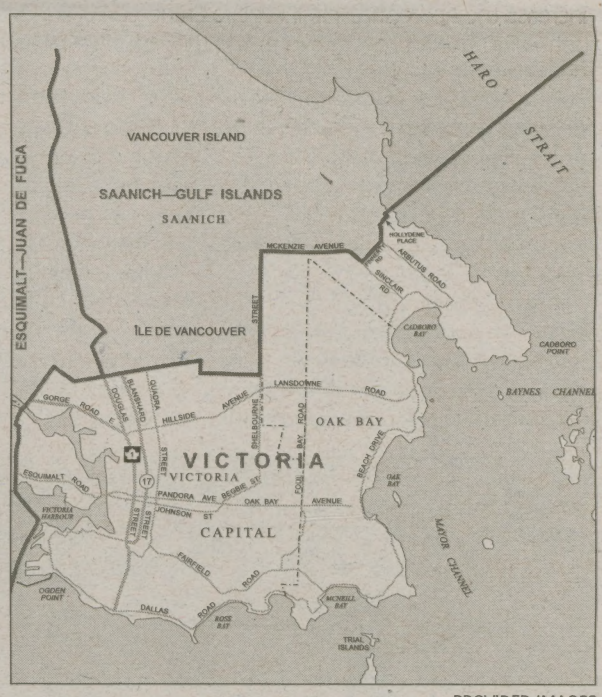
Those years spent as a police officer are what McClintock said led him to politics.

"It was the things I saw happening in the absence of accountability," he said. "I got involved in about 2000, when I realized I could make a difference."

His career, he said, also helps to qualify him for office.

"It certainly made me aware of what's going on in people's lives."





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Leadership counts for Saanich-Gulf Islands candidates

Penn compares Dion to the Dalai Lama; Lewis says Elizabeth May takes Greens to next level

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Andrew Lewis
Green

Green candidate Andrew Lewis described his UVic experience as "a tipping point" when he received his diploma in Restoration Ecology in hopes of expanding his landscaping business.

"That course politicized me," he said. Lewis also holds a B.Sc. in biology from Portsmouth University in England.

Lewis joined the Greens in 1999, nine years after immigrating from England.

"When you settle down and call a place home, you look around and start thinking, what can I do to make this better, safer, more fair?" says Lewis.

The answer for him was the Green Party. Lewis served from 2004 to 2006 as deputy leader of the Greens.

"It really reflects the strength of the Greens in this region," he said, naming the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding's reputation as the "Greenest riding in Canada."

Lewis currently holds the record for highest number of votes cast for a Green Party candidate from his run in the 2004 federal election.

He also currently sits on the party's unofficial Shadow Cabinet as Natural Resources Critic. He requested the position from party leader Elizabeth May because Gary Lunn, Conservative MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands since 1997 and his riding rival, is the Minister of Natural Resources.

Regarding May, Lewis describes her as the right person for the Green Party.

"She's helping take us to the next level," he said.

He was also concerned by the misconception that the Green Party is entirely environmentally based, and has no other platform.

"The bottom line of the [Green] Party is not environment, it's sustainability," he said.

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Briony Penn
Liberal

"Activism is great political training," said Liberal candidate Briony Penn.

A Salt Spring Island resident for 15 years, Penn is making her claim to the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding based on her community involvement. Penn cites her involvement with The Land Conservancy (TLC), which she co-founded, as a major project. TLC is a land trust active throughout B.C.

"I don't actually distinguish between my volunteer activities and my career ... one I get paid for, the other I don't, but I apply the same level of rigour to both," said Penn.

Penn was also courted by the NDP and the Greens, but says that she selected the Liberals because they were "the only party capable of forming government."

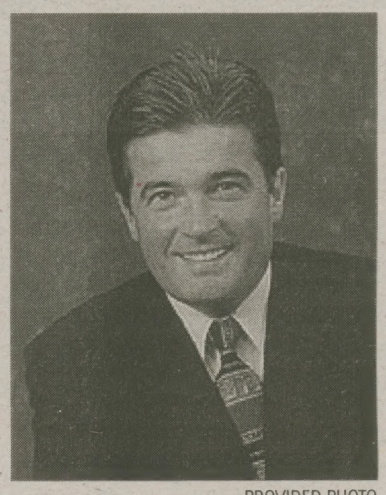
"I wasn't going to be as effective in Opposition," Penn said.

Despite Stéphane Dion's shaky English and non-pushy approach to change, "no one's ever called the Dalai Lama a weak leader," Penn said, comparing Dion to the famous Tibetan. She says Dion personally asked her to run as a Liberal.

Penn described Dion as "very intelligent, very collaborative and he surrounds himself with an incredible team."

An adjunct professor at UVic, Penn holds a Ph.D in geography. She says this has influenced her view of student issues and played a big role in making her aware.

"I've been looking at trends and impacts to the environment in the research community for the last 25 years," Penn said. "If we don't get this issue into mainstream political discourse, then we don't have a future."



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Gary Lunn
Conservative

Conservatie Gary Lunn, representative for Saanich-Gulf Islands since 1997, has served as Minister of Natural Resources since the Conservatives came into power. Pre-Conservative Party, he was involved with (and elected under) both the Reform and Canadian Alliance banners.

A UVic Law alumni, Lunn also practiced law in Victoria. The biography on his campaign website also lists him as a certified journeyman carpenter, with past experience working in mining, construction and ambulance services.

As a Minister, Lunn has played a large part in the search for renewable energy for Canada over the past two years. He was involved in implementing the ecoENERGY Initiatives, designed to support cleaner energy practices.

The CBC reported in 2007 that Lunn had stated he was "very keen on" pursuing the avenue of nuclear energy to clean up oil-sands production in Alberta. The news service has also reported his involvement with finding diesel fuel phase-out options for Nunavut, and in a plan to find an underground storage site for nuclear waste storage.

The Martlet, like several other community newspapers, was unable to get a comment from Lunn.

Julian West
NDP

The NDP candidate dropped out of the race after revelations about a skinny-dipping incident involving teenagers at an environmental retreat 12 years ago. However, while he is not campaigning in the election, West's name will still appear on the Oct. 14 ballot.

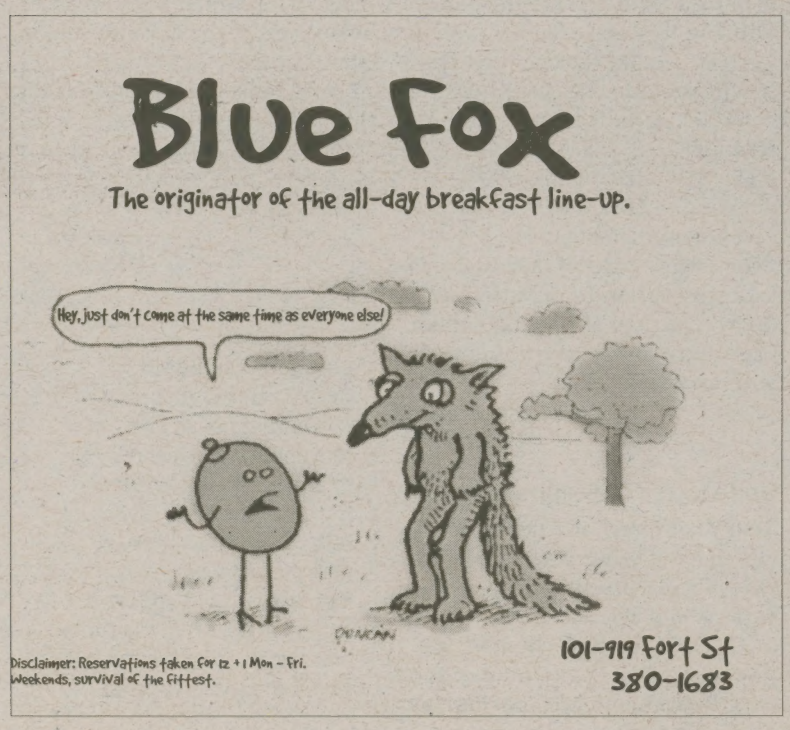
WHO PROMISES WHAT TO STUDENTS?

Conservative Party: The Conservative platform pledges to increase the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant to $2000 as a completion bonus for apprentices who complete their training. There are no other dedicated promises directed toward post-secondary education.

Liberal Party: The Liberal platform says that post-secondary and trades education opportunities are "central to the future economic success of Canada." To help those getting an education, they offer replacing existing education tax credits with a grant payable four times a year, a greater number of needs-based and access bursaries and a student loan of $5000, available to all students regardless of income.

NDP: The NDP slogan declares that they'll "act on the priorities of the kitchen table, not the boardroom table." The only kitchen table some students will see this year is the clean spot on their desk, but the party still has a platform concerning post-secondary issues. Key points of this platform include enactment of the Post-Secondary Act tabled last year by Victoria MP Denise Savoie, a beginning-of-the-year $1000 grant to all undergrads who qualify for student loans, Canada Student Loan reform and an offer to forgive student loan debt for certain in-demand professions, such as family MDs.

Green Party: Post-secondary perks offered by the Greens include: an offer to forgive 50 per cent of student loan debt when a student finishes a degree or certification, university funding to increase the number of tenured professors in every field, work towards targeted research grants for the development of new green technology and increased federal transfers for student seat increases.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EDITORIAL

Activism sucks; kinda

Activism is in the air these days.

Whether it's shouting bomb threats from a downtown roof top, paying tuition in petty change or scrawling graffiti on the walls of the SUB, it seems like an awful lot of people have something to say, and they're saying it loudly.

There are many ways to get your voice heard. Holding rallies and marches has always been a popular option. Expressing your opinion in writing, perhaps in a newspaper, is another. Writing letters to people in authority works nicely, as does starting a petition.

Then there's the other side of activism — violence, intimidation tactics, sensationalism. For every peaceful protest, there's a Molotov cocktail being lobbed into the air. For every carefully scripted letter, there's a hastily sprayed graffiti message. But who gets the attention?

For the last few weeks, José Barrios has been collecting signatures in an attempt to remove the elected UVSS Board of Directors. Having spent hours of his own time collecting over 500 names for his petition, he presented this petition to a special board meeting last week, and was told it would not be considered.

Barrios tried to put forward his thoughts through activism by doing things the "right" way and attempting to follow all the rules. Yet he was ultimately unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, the people too cowardly to openly stand up for what they want decided to scrawl their thoughts on the SUB walls, in loud red spray paint. "Closed" was sprayed across the Cinecenta sign, while "Resign Now!" was written on the UVSS' door. "Pay Our Wage, Open The Damn Bar!!" was sprayed on the brick wall outside Felicita's.

(Sure, everyone has to vent their anger, but did these vandals really think that UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs, upon looking out her office window, would see the message and say: "Hey, good point — I never thought of it that way"?)

It hardly seems fair that Barrios, who went about his protest peacefully, doesn't make any headway while people who will never come forward get all the recognition for putting dead fish in the SUB. How did it come to this?

It could be that the "right" way of participating in activism doesn't get taken seriously because it's easier to ignore. Peaceful protests, petitions and letters-to-the-editors aren't likely to make people cry. Sometimes they even get laughed at. They're still within the status quo. They're still measurable. They're still predictable. They're still safe. And because of that, they don't push the established boundaries of incremental change.

Violent acts of protest make louder statements than petitions, because they aren't playing by the rules. Unpredictability shakes things up. It demands attention. It demands change. The problem is, it also undermines the purpose.

Pointed activism against any group easily makes witnesses infer that the violence is coming from the opposing side. But the problem with random acts of vandalism is that there's no way to tell for sure which group laid down the mess to make the other look bad — so everyone looks like a bunch of grade schoolers throwing sand at each other over the play box.

And while people are left confused, scared or unjustly blamed, the true perpitrators walk away with a chip of fame. Is there anything good that could come out of destructive (not to mention costly) vandalism?

Both the union and the UVSS are just students doing their best to get their points across. None of them are evil, and none of them are out to screw each other over. This labour dispute is a complicated and multi-faceted issue, with no easy fix. But sticking glue in locks, spray painting walls and taking dumps on the toilet dispensers in the SUB bathroom is doing absolutely nothing to resolve the issue.

Everyone's annoyed by the strike, everyone's eagerly awaiting Felicita's re-opening, but let's work together here. Maybe if we took the time to pay attention to the people who are doing things "right," those who are doing things peacefully and legally, things might progress before people vent their frustration through feces.

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LETTERS

Strikers need our support

As we enter October and notice the changes in weather and foliage here at UVic, we are also struck by a familiar sight: the picket line in front of the SUB.

After nearly a month of picketing and extensive coverage in the Martlet and Times Colonist, we would expect to see some headway.

Instead, the strike trudges on.

The fact that these strikers are largely students who are eligible for loans and bursaries, and in a few years time will be leaving the university with a degree, certainly works in their favour.

This summer, my father went on strike for the second time in his career as a welder/fabricator. The result of this was a return to work under essentially the same conditions as before, and many labourers were greeted by cutbacks and layoffs.

My father is near retirement and has a reasonable pension but claims they went on strike so the "next guy" has better opportunities.

Even high profile labour disputes have proved unfruitful of late. The Vancouver civic workers' strike of 2007, which seemed to affect everyone, ended with workers compromising many of their demands. The B.C. teachers' strike of 2005 ended in only a partial victory.

In my opinion, a strike is an exercise of democratic principles. It is a stand against injustice and a call for fairness and equality. It is one of the few vehicles we have to better our condition in the real world.

Show your support for the SUB workers.

Arthur Hain
UVic student

Let's privatize the SUB

As the strike at the SUB stretches into its fourth week and the union members begin to receive their weekly "strike bonus" of $150 from the United Steelworkers, I started to think about the purpose of unions.

Unions were originally formed to protect workers rights. Workers were being exploited; forced to work long hours in brutal conditions. They took to the streets to demand an improvement.

I feel striking because you only get paid $9.95 per hour and really would rather $10.45 per hour is quite contrary to the spirit originally intended by the first unions.

The SUB workers feel as though they are entitled to some of the new money received by the UVSS, but they are not. That money is meant for every UVic student.

The amount of community events at UVic compared to other universities is already disappointing. Where is our frosh week, our beer gardens, our university spirit?

The UVSS needs to do more and to do more they need money.

I propose that the UVSS turns this situation into an opportunity. The UVSS could lease spaces in the SUB to private companies like Tim Horton's.

They would not necessarily have to be big companies. In fact, small business owners might be able to take advantage of the niche UVic market a lot more appropriately. Shifting to a lease-based system would be an improvement because it will provide the UVSS with a constant, predictable source of revenue.

The SUB strike is absolutely ridiculous and the UVSS should not cave to union demands.

Not even a little bit. My advice is take this option to privatize seriously and then the UVSS can sit back down at the bargaining table with an upper hand.

Taylor Singleton-Fookes
UVic student

Open letter to Stephen Harper

Your disinterest and denial about climate and other very important issues suggests that your motivations and actions are Biblically oriented, since your church states unequivocally that the Old and New Testament are inerrant as originally given.

You're certainly free to believe what you want, but I shudder to think that you also believe that God will make a new heaven and earth, and therefore, with you as *Prime Minister, see no need to* heed the urgent call by scientists to combat global warming.

The damage that would be done during your reign in Canada and the world would be too late and irreversible. It would be interesting to know what your wife, Laureen, thinks about this. The fact that she does not share your faith speaks volumes.

You know, Mister Harper, people lose their faith every day as they mature and acquire wisdom, and the same thing could happen to you some day. By then the harm to our still beautiful planet would be done. That's why I hope the Canadian people will choose wisely.

Gunther Ostermann
Community member

Activism not worth it

Paying your tuition with a wheelbarrow of coins could be considered effective activism were you trying to make a point of how expensive fees are. It's a funny sight, unless you're the guy stuck in line while the rolls are counted.

But to make your focus the fact that the university doesn't accept credit cards is little more than an attention grab — and a pathetic excuse for activism.

Alex Conconi
UVic Student

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You want more, you have to vote more

Graham Briggs

Many people suggest that politicians neglect students and young adults.

There are cuts in university funding, soaring tuition and student debt, and no minimum wage increase in years.

But this neglect by government is due also to our neglect of government. Most of us don't vote.

Politicians in liberal democracies craft promises and policies designed to win the most votes. When in power, they govern with re-election in mind. They strategically allocate time and money in a fiercely competitive environment. And they are keenly aware that voter turnout varies widely by age group.

Voter turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds in B.C. and throughout Canada is very low.

In the last provincial election, 64 per cent of us did not vote. But 58 per cent of all eligible voters and 74 per cent of 65- to 74-year-olds did. In the last federal election, 56 per cent of 18- to 24-year-olds cast no ballot. These numbers prompt vote-hungry politicians to ignore us.

Fortunately, we'll have three chances to boost our numbers during the coming election season.

The federal election is on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The main contenders are the Liberals and the Conservatives, led respectively by Stephane and Stephen. The Liberals are campaigning on Dion's Green Shift and his "dream team;" the Conservatives on attack ads and, miraculously, Harper's personality.

The NDP is the only major party in English Canada that pays lip service to students and young people, but has no chance of forming a government.

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WAR OF WORDS

Long distance dating—is it worth it?

Will Johnson and Gemma Karstens-Smith

It was bound to happen. With a ratio of three girls for every guy, it was inevitable that UVic women would start looking elsewhere for love.

But these days it seems like everyone is holding a candle for someone far, far away. Whether it's stemming from Vancouver, Calgary, or Istanbul, these long-distance relationships take quite a toll.

Two Martleteers square off on whether or not long-distance dating is really worth all the trouble.

Will Johnson:

I will never have a long-distance relationship again.

When I was 16, I met a blue-haired beauty at bible camp. I had it bad, following her around like a whipped dog.

When she agreed to date me, I could hardly believe my luck. Trouble was she lived in a different province.

We made it seven months, and sure, talking on the phone and writing love letters was pretty fun.

But ultimately, we were living in different worlds. When we broke up (though I would've had trouble admitting it at the time), I barely knew her.

Sure, we'd shared secrets and talked endlessly about our feelings. But we'd never gone on dates, we'd never met each other's friends, we'd never learned the little details of each others' lives.

The few times we flew back and forth to visit, it was almost like meeting a stranger.

Relationships at UVic may not be that extreme, but they still have their down sides.

The ferry doesn't seem like a big deal at first, but when you start traveling back every weekend or two, it really starts to wear you down.

Sure, it's nice to not have a significant other around while you're trying to focus on studying or homework, but that can distract you in other ways. It's no fun to be wondering what your boy/girlfriend is doing at home.

Are they meeting someone else? Are they cheating on you? Are they forgetting about you?

Why not just agree to be together when you're together, and to not when you're not?

Gemma Karstens-Smith:

Because when you really like someone, not being together isn't an option.

I said I would never do long-distance again. My first long-distance relationship was a disaster. But looking back, I think it was the relationship that was the disaster, not the distance.

The long-distance relationship I'm in now isn't perfect, but it works. We're both full-time students with part-time jobs, so we probably wouldn't see each other that much more even if we did live in the same city.

And this way, we don't take each other for granted. When you're in a relationship and you see each other all the time, it's easy to fall into a rut. You hang out with the same people, watch the same TV shows together and go to the same restaurants.

But in a good long-distance relationship, you're always excited to see each other because that anticipation's been building for as many seconds as you've been apart. While you've been counting down the days until you're back together, you've been making plans to best spend your limited time.

I'll admit that my relationship is distracting, but I'd say that it's less so than any other I've been in. Yes, I wonder what he's doing while I'm trying to study, but not because I'm worried that he's meeting someone or cheating on me or forgetting me. I trust him.

Long-distance relationships are a huge test of trust, which I think makes them that much stronger.

Will Johnson:

I never said it was impossible. All kinds of people have long-distance relationships, and a lot of the time they work out fine.

But why bother?

To me, it just seems like a unnecessary strain. Why uselessly tempt fate? The odds are against you, and is it really worth the risk that someone will get hurt?

Best case scenario: somewhere along the line the two of you are reunited. Worst case scenario: someone decides to end it, leaving the other person wondering why they wasted their time.

We all see how much people change over the course of their university career. When you come out the other side, will your significant other even recognize you? Will you recognize them?

The fact of the matter is, when you're dating someone who lives far away you're not growing together, you're growing apart.

Gemma Karstens-Smith:

Even when you're dating someone in the same city, you can end up growing apart.

Being in close proximity to someone doesn't mean you'll stay the same forever.

All relationships risk someone getting hurt, all relationships tempt fate. A long distance relationship isn't really any more dangerous to your heart than dating in general.

Is the best-case scenario when you're living in the same city any different than in a long-distance relationship?

With all the talking you do in long-distance relationships, you're constantly learning about one another. You talk about everything, whether it matters or not. All that talking gives you a chance to see changes that you might not witness if you see someone everyday. You also get a chance to talk about what really is going on, whether those changes are deal-breakers or not.

Whether it's a long-distance relationship or not, it's not going to work out if the people aren't compatible. Just because people are good together now doesn't mean that they will be six months or a year from now.

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The true north: weak and shackled

Jennifer Dugan

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

Let's face it. There is no good choice for us at the polls this federal election.

When I examine the current economic climate, I feel almost ready to vote Conservative. They certainly have Canadians in mind with their cuts to corporations. And no, I am not being sarcastic.

If we want to remain competitive in global markets, especially as the world stands on the brink of a recession, our country needs to attract business. One way to do it would be to cut taxes to them as drastically as the Conservatives suggest.

However, I don't think that's the best option. I think Harper's policy is too dramatic.

The NDP party certainly has the voter in mind. However, their policies would drive much needed business out of the country. Other countries are desperate. They are ready to cut taxes in order to take business headquarters out of our hands. If a recession hits, we'll be screwed economically.

Then there's the Liberals. Their carbon tax would put up gas prices but it would also cut income tax. The tax would fall mostly on the oil fields, which are unlikely to move because they can't take the oil with them. They are more desperate than ever for Canadian oil due to the current situation in Russia.

Yes, it is a new tax. However, it cuts an existing tax, one that hamstrings the poor in our country. The price of consumer goods will go up a little — but that will impact big spenders more than those who struggle to make ends meet.

The thing that scares me the most is that people seem to think that Stephen Harper has done a good job as Prime Minister.

Honestly, does nobody have a long-term memory? If he had been Prime Minister at the time of 9/11, Canadian troops would be in Iraq right now.

He was, and still is, against gay marriage, although he has decided to let the matter fall by the wayside. In my opinion, the so-called "creative accounting" of his party during the last election more than made up for the sponsorship scandal, as did his party's involvement with the notorious Friends of Science anti-global warming poster campaign.

This is the man who scrapped the gun registry, wasting millions of dollars. Now, gun crime rates are higher than ever.

He has also squandered over $4 billion of the more than $6 billion that the Liberals had tucked away for a rainy day. Now, with a burgeoning recession, our country only has one third of the money left for a crisis.

Harper's government is against supervised injection sites, even in HIV treatment facilities and despite the fact that they have been scientifically proven for years to significantly increase addicts' movement into treatment programs and that they make addicts 70 per cent less likely to share needles.

As a woman, I could never bring myself to vote for a man who believes that pay equity is "ridiculous." As the daughter of immigrants, I am appalled by his policies and words. His tone towards immigrants is also spiteful and proves him to be a bigot.

Harper once stated that "west of Winnipeg the ridings the Liberals hold are dominated by people who are either recent Asian immigrants or ... people who live in ghettos and are not integrated into Western Canadian society."

Racism is not okay. Stephen Harper seems to believe that immigrants don't have bearing in society.

Instead of handpicking those that do or do not get into the country, our government should be supporting qualified immigrants who are already in the country in bringing their qualifications up to Canadian standards.

But then, this is the man who says that human rights commissions are "an attack on our fundamental freedoms." He's also quite happy to offend those closer to home, stating that "bilingualism is the god that failed" and that "Canada is not a bilingual country."

And let's not forget his political Band-Aid solutions, which look great at the polls but do absolutely nothing.

He abandoned Canada's participation in the Kyoto accord in favour of the useless Clean Air Act. He failed to achieve any improvement in childcare. He cut the Government Spending Tax instead of cutting a tax which would actually impact the poor in Canada, such as income or property tax (it is the rich who save the most because they spend the most).

Harper thinks that we should be "tough on crime" like the United States. Where will the money for the upsurge in prisons, guards, and prisoners come from? Besides, the United States has a higher rate of crime than Canada does. Why should we model our system on theirs?

To top it all off, Harper's proposed changes to copyright law would hamstring our film industry, which brings billions of dollars into our economy.

On Oct. 14, come armed with an opinion you're prepared to defend. Don't just vote for someone because they seem all right — vote for what you believe in.

Please be an informed voter. Please vote.

Lessons from the leaf blower

Lucas Hansen

I was on my way home, walking through downtown Victoria, when a leaf was blown into my face.

What a peculiar situation. I quickly checked my windsock and my suspicions were confirmed: it was not windy.

My question then arose: why are leaves now residing in my face? I looked to my right and saw the early morning creature responsible for my situation. The creature was half man, and half leaf-blower. His face sported a thick, black moustache, and his unappealing clothing could have only been purchased at Value Village.

He glanced over at me. His face was completely emotionless. He said nothing, and leaves continued to be launched mercilessly into the air.

I passed the man and his leaves, but I looked back to analyze the situation.

One leaf had been blown, but had avoided the full blunt force of the leaf-blower and remained in close proximity to the man. The fugitive leaf then wiggled on the ground as if to say to the man, "Ah ha! You have slightly displaced me, and although that is somewhat inconvenient, I do remain in downtown Victoria!"

The greasy man looked over and saw the leaf taunting him. Immediately the man turned to the leaf and violently blew it.

As the leaf regained its composure in its new-found location, it wiggled once again and flapped at the man. I could picture it saying, "You have now displaced me twice, and yet still I remain downtown! It almost seems that no matter how hard and violently you blow me, you will never actually be able to remove me from the downtown area!"

The man, now annoyed at the rebellious leaf, began to storm over.

I yelled from across the street, "Oh no! Could that man actually displace that leaf not once, not twice, but three times? The humanity!"

Luckily, my cries did not go unnoticed. Before the man could unleash his unadulterated blowing powers on the innocent little leaf, a bus drove by at full speed, which launched all the leafs that had previously been blown onto the road back to their original places on the sidewalk.

The man stood there baffled. It was almost as if all the work he had done in the previous half-hour was completely and utterly useless. This incredible epiphany was quickly ignored as the man remembered that his job wasn't to make life-changing realizations. His job was to blow things.

Situations like this are common in the leaf-blowing community. I've witnessed two men with leaf-blowers on the same block. Each is determined to move the majority of the leaves onto the neighbour's property. As the two men stare and shoot leaves at each other, they soon realize that they are both thinking the same thing: "This would be much quicker if we had vacuum cleaners."

Nevertheless, I remain perplexed. It's hard to believe that this is how some people make a living.

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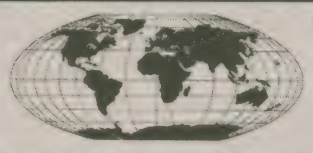

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Eradicating homophobia in sports

Nana Quainoo of The Charlatan
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OTTAWA (CUP) — In high school Carleton swimmer Katie McClean said she just didn't feel comfortable coming out to her teammates. But when she arrived at Carleton, her new teammates soon figured things out.

Maybe it was the conversations about her girlfriend that gave her away, said McClean.

Still, she never felt left out or awkward in front of her teammates because of her sexuality — not even in the changing room.

McClean is one of the lucky ones.

For most athletes the pitch is where you come to compete, but homophobia (the fear or hatred of homosexuals) can halt the careers of some competitors in their tracks and affect their performance.

"The issue of homophobia affects both heterosexual girls and lesbian girls because people are judging girls in sports — if you're playing rugby, then [people assume] you must be gay," said Karin Lofstrom, executive director of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS).

A study commissioned by CAAWS in 2006, which coincided with the International Day Against Homophobia on May 17, found that homophobia is often a barrier to homosexual and heterosexual athletes of both sexes.

In 1998, swimmer Mark Tewksbury announced he was gay, becoming the first Canadian athlete to voluntarily state his homosexuality. Later that year, Tewksbury lost a lucrative contract reportedly because of his sexual orientation.

Professional athletes usually face more scrutiny in sports than amateur athletes, said Lofstrom.

"A lot of it comes down to financial considerations," she said. "In most cases, professional athletes don't come out until the end of their careers unless they're outed. We see a fair bit of it now — athletes losing their sponsorship when they're outed. It all depends on what sport you're in and also what level you're at. If you're going to the Olympics and you have sponsorships, people are a lot more cautious. They don't want their livelihood jeopardized."

McClean, an openly gay second-year computer science student, has been swimming competitively for much of her life, but did not come out to a swim team or club until she entered university.

McClean said her previous teams weren't as big and she didn't feel it was the right time to come out to them, although she had told her family. She never directly told her teammates that she was gay, but she said most of them assumed she was because she would often talk about her girlfriend.

"It was fine. I haven't really experienced any homophobia on the team," she said.

Jen Carroll, a swimmer with the Ottawa-Rideau Speedeaus, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT)-friendly swim club, said she has had a similar experience.

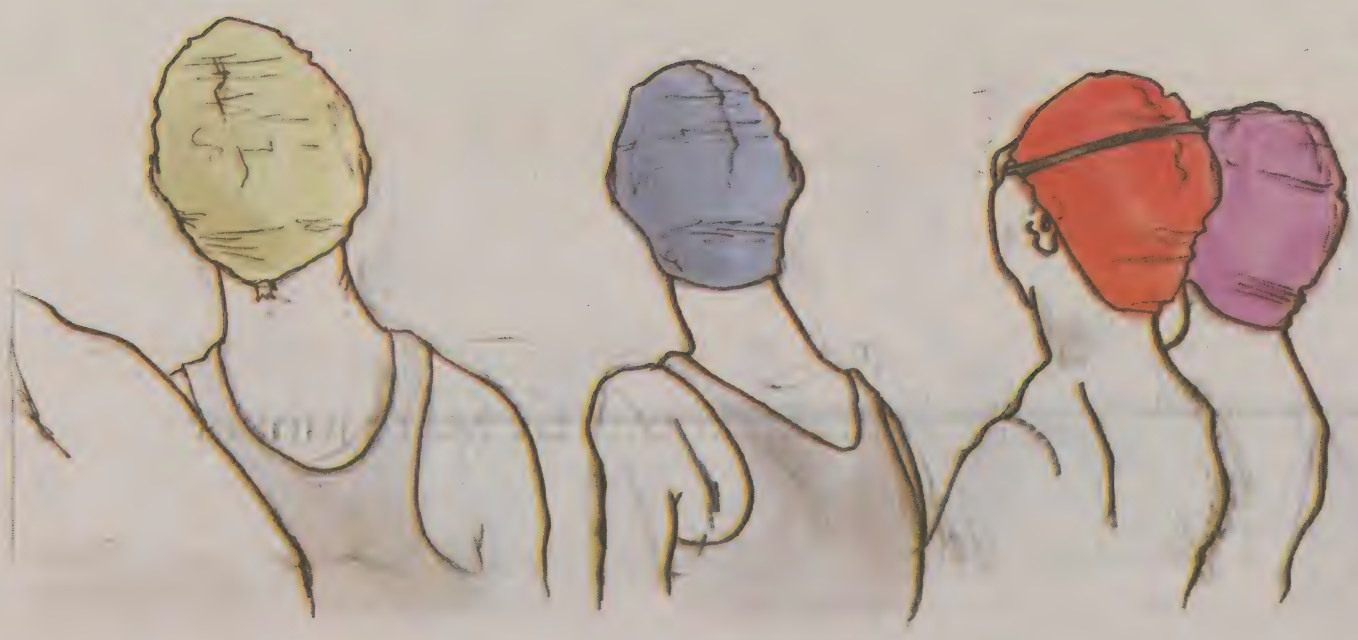
"Personally I haven't experienced homophobia in sports; not me in particular. But that's probably because when I was in high school I was not out, and I'm not competitive now that I'm out," said Carroll.

Things weren't as easy for University of Ottawa law professor Nicole LaViolette. LaViolette, a cyclist, won several medals at the 2006 Montreal Outgames.

She said while she did not feel comfortable speaking publicly about her sexual orientation until recently, she still managed to race competitively in her university days. LaViolette credits her success to the support of family and friends.

"If you're a 17 to 18-year-old going to university, then obviously those things make a big difference. You have more self-confidence. You have a network of friends and families to support you," she said. "If the environment you're involved in doesn't make assumptions about who you are and doesn't say negative things about who you might be, then obviously that's going to be positive."

LaViolette said she thinks the reason why athletes like McClean are able to be openly gay and competitive now is because of changes that have been made at the university level.



Jennifer Brenning, Carleton University's athletics director, said she rarely comes across the issue of homophobia these days.

"I haven't heard of any issues [dealing with homophobia] in many years. I would say since the mid-'80s," she said.

Brenning said things such as sensitivity training for coaches and a code of conduct signed by athletes and coaches that covers all aspects of discrimination have lessened the likelihood of homophobic acts within Carleton athletics.

Penalties for breaking the code can range anywhere from a written reprimand to an athlete being asked to leave a team, or a coach being fired.

"I think we've come a long way in sports," said Brenning.

Marg McGregor, Chief Executive Officer at Canadian Interuniversity Sports (CIS), the country's largest university sports organization, said CIS also works to ensure the rights of athletes at the national level. While CIS doesn't have specific regulations dealing with homophobia, it does have a harassment and discrimination policy that homophobia falls under.

McGregor said repercussions at CIS include letters of apology, financial penalties, not being able to compete and forfeiting games.

"There's a whole possible range of sanctions, depending on the situation," said McGregor.

McGregor added that she thinks changes on issues of discrimination have happened because organizations like hers have acted on their regulations.

"There are policies in place, but things don't happen on their own," she said.

More and more, some groups are taking the message of homophobia in sports to the international level.

Lofstrom said CAAWS was heavily involved in the last Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. They educated mission staff on GLBT and gender issues, let all the athletes know where the gay bars were in Melbourne and promoted the use of positive spaces within the city.

As well as increasing awareness of homophobia and GLBT issues in mainstream sports competitions, there are also games such as the Gay Games or the World Outgames that cater primarily to GLBT athletes.

The Outgames are the "natural evolution of the GLBT movement," said Catherine Meade, co-president of the Gay and Lesbian International Sports Association (GLISA), which runs the Outgames.

"Multi-sport GLBT events have grown and evolved over the last 20 years," Meade said.

The multi-sport GLBT athletics phenomenon was started with the Gay Games in San Francisco in 1982 by Tom Waddell, who competed in the decathlon for the U.S. at the 1968 Olympics.

Waddell aimed to create a games where all athletes, regardless of sexual orientation, were accepted.

The World Outgames were created after a dispute between the Montreal 2006 organizing committee and the Gay Games sanctioning committee. Both Games continue to run, with the second World Outgames running in Copenhagen in 2009 and the eighth Gay Games in 2010.

LaViolett said she remembers her first time at the Gay Games well.

"The first time I participated in the games was back in 1990. At that time it certainly was harder to be an out gay or lesbian in society," she said. "So, to have an event that was international in scope, that you could go to and actually go with your partner or girlfriend in the open and not have to separate out your life — it was fun. It was part of being in my community so it was really nice."

LaViolett said participating in events such as the Gay Games and the Outgames give her a "stronger sense of community," because the people she attends the games with have shared life experiences.

Meade said events such as the Outgames are a celebration of human rights. Montreal's games had more than 10,000 participants from 110 countries.

Some athletes who came to the games would face persecution in their own countries for their sexual orientation. Meade said that as a Canadian, she can't conceive what it's like for athletes who come from such places.

"For myself, coming from a country where we are now able to marry, we have an assortment of rights. It's such an amazing and life-affirming experience," Meade said.

Lofstrom said the Outgames "provide a positive space where athletes can be themselves." She hopes that with organizations like this and with continued education, homophobia in sports will become a thing of the past.

Although everybody is invited to participate in the games, the Outgames are registered with regional and international bodies so records set at the games are held.

In Montreal 2006, Tewksbury set a national record in swimming.

Meade said the aim of the Outgames is to move more towards integration.

"No one is checking to see if you're gay or straight at the door," Meade said. "You can be gay or straight — it doesn't matter. But if you're straight, you better be open-minded or you'll find it's just not the place for you."

Managing time manages stress

Alison Wagner

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Disorganization and procrastination now will lead to headaches later.

Yes, it's that time again. The first few weeks of classes are over and things are starting to heat up across campus. Soon we will all be hip-deep in assignments and deadlines. On top of that, many of us are working part-time jobs to pay tuition. With all of this on our plates, how can we stay ahead of (or even keep up with) our workloads?

Dr. Joe Parsons from UVic's Counselling Services has been running the Learning Skills program for 28 years. He has found that each program has specific learning skills related to it — for example, the sciences usually have a lot of kinesthetic (hands-on) learning involved.

"Identify your strengths and weaknesses [in learning skills] and then work on developing the weaknesses," said Parsons. "You can systematically experiment with different strategies and find out early in your career what works for you."

This is an important step to progressive learning because it allows you to be efficient and absorb the most information while wasting the least amount of time.

Some students take the concept a step further and apply their learning skills to their organisational strategy. Take the time to discover what type of organising strategy works best for you. Colour codes, binders, paper or electronic schedules — there are loads of options. It's easier to fit your organisation into your lifestyle rather than forcing yourself to adapt to an entirely new regime.

"Finding ways to organise that work for you will help you use your time more efficiently and may even be more enjoyable," said Miryam Burns, a third-year UVic student who balances her time between work, class and clubs.

Of course, if you don't have an organization method at all, it might be time to pick up some tips from your friends or favourite magazines. Once you have something in place, stick with it until it becomes a habit. It's okay to tweak your system here and there, but giving up completely won't solve anything.

"Sixteen per cent of students who come to Counselling Services indicate concern with time management and procrastination," said Parsons. Technology and the Internet have given us the ability to procrastinate more efficiently than ever, but staying on track is possible.

Here are some hints to get you started:

1) Use an agenda. We've been hearing this since elementary school, but the plain truth is that it is easier to remember things if we write them down. But the tech-savvy student doesn't have to rely on the archaic paper version. Cell phones and iPods often have schedule programs and alarms to let us know when a due date or meeting is coming up. On top of that, we're less likely to lose our phones than a piece of paper or spiral-bound book.

2) If you have a spare hour, or even just a few minutes, do an extra reading. Yes, you would probably rather spend the time on Facebook or watching TV, but once you're ahead in your work the pressure comes off. It's a lot easier to enjoy yourself without the stress of deadlines hanging over you.

3) If you are settling in for a good long study session, switch up your readings with chores every half-hour or so. Physical movement get the blood flowing again, and your place will be clean afterward — a bonus for the time-pressured student.

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The Victoria Slam Team was well represented at "Poetry in the Raw."

Naked poets leave impression

Kyle D'Odorico

Strong Cottonwoods walked on the stage to a crowd of confused and slightly irritated faces. He was dressed to the nines compared to the other performers. In fact, he was just plain dressed.

Someone from the audience rose to object and finally asked the question that everyone else was pondering over: why does he have clothes on? Or more accurately, why isn't he naked?

The audience didn't have to ponder long, as halfway through his poem Cottonwoods let his clothing drop to the floor as though he wasn't wearing them in the first place. Of course, by then, the audience was used to such a sight. The group had seen Cottonwoods (and seven other local poets) bare their flesh and hearts — to use the words of host Dave Morris.

This year's "Poetry in the Raw" — a slam poetry reading where the poets shed their clothes and act out their pieces wearing nothing but the stage and spotlight — performed its second rotation in Victoria last week.

The theme this year was "cover." First, the poets read covers of other's works, ranging from Canadian slam poetry champion Brendan McLeod to experienced spoken-word performer William Shatner. Following that, the poets took to the stage with their own pieces.

"Poetry is you being naked, you in the raw . . . sharing who you are," said Kristy Westendorp, member of the Victoria Slam team, of the nudity.

But there's more to being naked than just not having any clothes on. And it was more than just the poets that were sharing.

Morris lead the audience through his journey toward his first sojourn into public nudity, and invited audience members to share the experience. Many were so inclined to join Morris they defied his "one step at a time" policy, and took clothes off as they pleased rather than waiting for his brief introductions where he would announce both the next poet and the next piece of clothing that would be collectively removed.

The first poem was written by Morris, but was covered by Westendorp, and dealt with the very situation Morris was going through on stage: overcoming insecurities through trust. And it was a trusting atmosphere; whether that was displayed through the audience's willingness to throw themselves into the same boat as the performer or through the generally respective tone they emitted.

The atmosphere was so trusting that Jen Davies, who had recently given birth, stood naked on the stage to announce the winner of a draw for services courtesy of The Hair Garden Salon.

The themes were numerous. Missie Peters, producer of the event and Westendorp's fellow Victoria Slam Team member, wrote of the hassles and cover-ups of everyday work life. Meanwhile, Jane Bee wrote about the triangular relationship between her, her children and the current world state.

For her own piece, Westendorp walked onto the stage eating a piece of cake, which (she later assured everyone) was vegan. Her approach to the theme of cover dealt with the fact that she wanted to show that everyone is different under their clothes; something often forgotten in the days of fad diets and eating disorders. To prove this, standing stark naked before reading, she ate.

For Westendorp, writing a poem about body image came from the dilemma that she could either lose 15 pounds or write a body acceptance piece. Considering losing 15 pounds could hardly be shared with a group of poetry lovers, it seemed like she'd made the right choice. Plus, she said, losing 15 pounds wouldn't have been as fun.

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The cast of *Rumors* dresses up for an anniversary celebration turned sour, in the play by Neil Simon going on at the Metro Studio until Oct. 12.

Company C, the Canadian College of Performing Art's (CCPA) third-year program, is starting off their season with a bang — literally.

Rumors is Neil Simon's farcical comedy about four couples celebrating a friend's 10th wedding anniversary. It begins with one pair discovering their host has been shot in the ear. As each couple arrives, so do their misfortunes, and the play unravels into an energetic romp full of fun and flair.

Dan Costain, the director of *Rumors* and faculty member at CCPA, has been involved in theatre for more than 30 years. He was the first technical director of the Belfry Theatre, an original member of Kaleidoscope Theatre and is currently a flyman and carpenter at both the Royal and McPherson Theatres. On top of that, he's worked the last three seasons as an actor in Chemainus and took the stage in *Urinetown* at the Belfry two years ago.

"I find it gives me a good balance between on-stage and off-stage," Costain said about his diverse experience. "It gives me perspective about what I want to do. If I want to see it, then I'll build it."

Costain is excited to work with the 10 students who were given the green light to return for a third year. The students, coming to CCPA from around B.C., Alta., Sask. and one from Mexico, have already completed two years of training at CCPA in the performing arts and career management.

"I never really liked being a teacher in a normal school situation," said Costain. "The kids that are there, most of them don't want to be there. But here, they all want to be here, they all want to become professional actors so their work ethic is five times better."

When it comes to *Rumors*, that work ethic is put to good use. "Neil Simon is a difficult play," said Costain. "All his plays are difficult, because he's very wordy, and he's very American. He's quick, he's fast, he's abrupt."

But Costain feels the students are more than ready for the challenge. Company C was developed so students could gain experience working in an environment with professional directors, and gives them an opportunity to take on both on-stage and off-stage roles. Each of the 10 actors double as crew members, and handle everything from costume, light and sound design, to marketing, fundraising, stage management and set construction.

Four of the company members, Kevin Taylor, Enrique Barragan, Silvia Zilker and Katie Schoenberg, sat on the floor of a mirrored rehearsal room last week, chatting about the company and the production. They were all smiles and laughs as they spoke, juxtaposed against their all-black attire and the sound of dances being counted and songs practiced from the adjacent rooms.

Zilker said the crew chose *Rumors* because they wanted something with a "farce comedy style" to it and likened it to *Noises Off* (a comedic play which was made into a movie in 1992, starring Carol Burnett, Christopher Reeve and John Ritter). Another factor to the choice was the large cast.

All 10 actors are in it," said Schoenberg. "We didn't have to double cast; there's no real lead character. It's an ensemble piece. We're all involved, we're all important, and that was something we really wanted."

Barragan said the play is for every type of audience.

"You're going to laugh as much as a person who is 60 will laugh," he said.

The 10 have been at full-speed from day one because they only have four weeks to rehearse.

Their opening night is fast-approaching, but they feel that having studied together for the past two years helps their drive. "At this point everyone is so dedicated to the process," said Zilker.

Barragan hopes the audience will enjoy the show as much as the cast has enjoyed doing it.

"Some people turned down professional contracts to do [Company C]," added Barragan. "It's so meaningful. We're learning so much from working with ourselves and working with other professional directors and putting on shows in a professional environment. I think it's the best part of our training."

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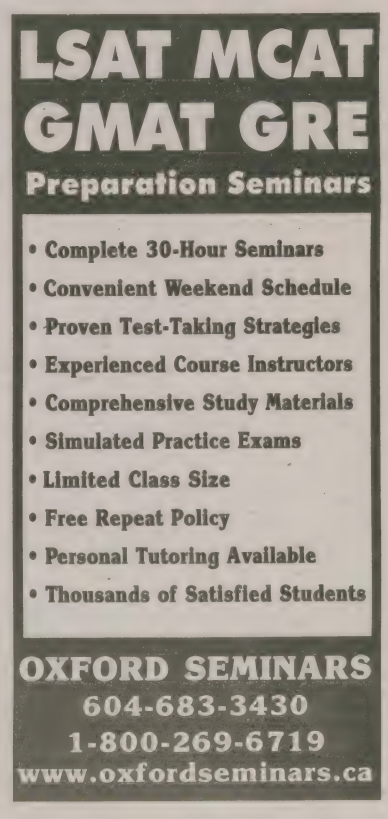

WHAT'S IN YOUR MOUTH?

Pumpkins for more than pie

Gemma Karstens-Smith

GEMMA KARSTENS-SMITH PHOTO

Thanksgiving's here and you're stuck in Victoria, neck-deep in midterms. Just because it's your first holiday without Mom's home-cooking doesn't mean you have to be stuck chowing down on bulk-boxes of pizza pops.

Take a break from those books to organize a potluck with friends. Have everyone bring a different dish — someone can bring potatoes, someone can cover the veggies and you can put a couple of people in charge of the main dish (whether that's a turkey or not). Top things off with a sweet dessert like this pumpkin cheesecake recipe.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

Crust

250 mL (1 cup) graham cracker crumbs
45 mL (3 tbsp) butter, melted
30 mL (2 tbsp) sugar

Filling

3 x 250 g (8 oz) packages of cream cheese
125 mL (1/2 cup) white sugar
125 mL (1/2 cup) brown sugar
375 mL (1 1/2 cups) canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
7.5 mL (1 1/2 tsp) cinnamon
2.5 mL (1/2 tsp) ground ginger
2.5 mL (1/2 tsp) ground nutmeg
45 mL (3 Tbsp) all-purpose flour
30 mL (2 Tbsp) lemon juice
2.5 mL (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract
3 large eggs

Preheat your oven to 170°C (325°F).
Make the crust first by combining the graham cracker crumbs, butter and sugar, then pressing the mixture into a pan. Bake the crust for 10 minutes before putting it to the side. Turn the oven up to 220°C (425°F).
For the filling, beat the cream cheese in a large bowl with an electric mixer until there are no lumps left. Add the sugar, flour, lemon juice and vanilla, beating them in until the mixture is smooth. In a separate bowl, combine the canned pumpkin, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and eggs. Mix the pumpkin mixture into the cream cheese mixture. Pour the batter over the crust.
Bake the cheesecake for 10 minutes before turning the oven down to 130°C (250°C) and continue baking for another 30-35 minutes. Don't worry if your cheesecake is still jiggly in the middle when you take it out; it will firm up as it cools. Make sure you run a knife around the edge of the pan after removing the cheesecake from the oven so it doesn't stick to the sides. Put the cake in the refrigerator and leave it to cool for at least an hour before enjoying.

Just a note: you should make the cheesecake in a spring-form pan. If you don't have one handy, it is possible to make it in a regular cake pan, but make sure you leave it in the refrigerator overnight before your taste test.

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***A Midsummer Night's Dream* provides giggles galore.**

Shakepearean play funnier than thou

What: A Midsummer Night's Dream
Where: Langham Court Theatre
When: Now until Oct. 11
Tickets: Adults $18, students $16 (2-for-1 on Tuesdays)

Maevid Bowman

Dreaming of a break from midterms?

No matter how tired you may be from the stresses this time of year brings, there is no sleeping through the Victoria Theatre Guild's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

This particular rendition of the classic Shakespearean play (directed by Valerie Chatterton) is especially ripe for comedic panache. The antics of James Roney as the man-turned-ass, Nick Bottom, were exceptionally chuckle-worthy. The ease with which he generated laughs was particularly endearing; for better or for worse it seems he was made for the part.

The cast is comprised of a healthy number of UVic students: Phoenix Theatre's own Graeme Nathan plays the spritely yet chiseled Puck, and Ryan Say plays the initially irritating, yet ultimately endearing Demetrius.

Shakespeare's works are known to be riddled with double entendres, and this play is no exception.

A naughty joke that might go under the radar when read on the page becomes clear on the stage, and the chemistry of the four young lovers makes the dialogue pop.

The set is visually intriguing, and only serves to enhance the actors' performances.

Most of the play takes place in a masterfully created forest that serves as both the lovers' platform for wooing and shooing, and the fairy kingdom's lush playground.

Lighting and smoke effects create an overwhelming sense of mischief, which underscores the dabbling tendencies of the fairy king in his life and the mere love-stricken mortals who are playing cat and mouse in his forest.

As is expected in a comedy, all loose ends are tied in a knot and the story closes with the happy marriage of the lovers.

But it's not over until the fat lady sings, or in this case until an overweight man, dressed as an unsightly excuse for a woman, who squeals in a high-pitched voice to end her life.

A play within the play put on by Nick Bottom and his crew of misfits raucously finishes *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on one good note.

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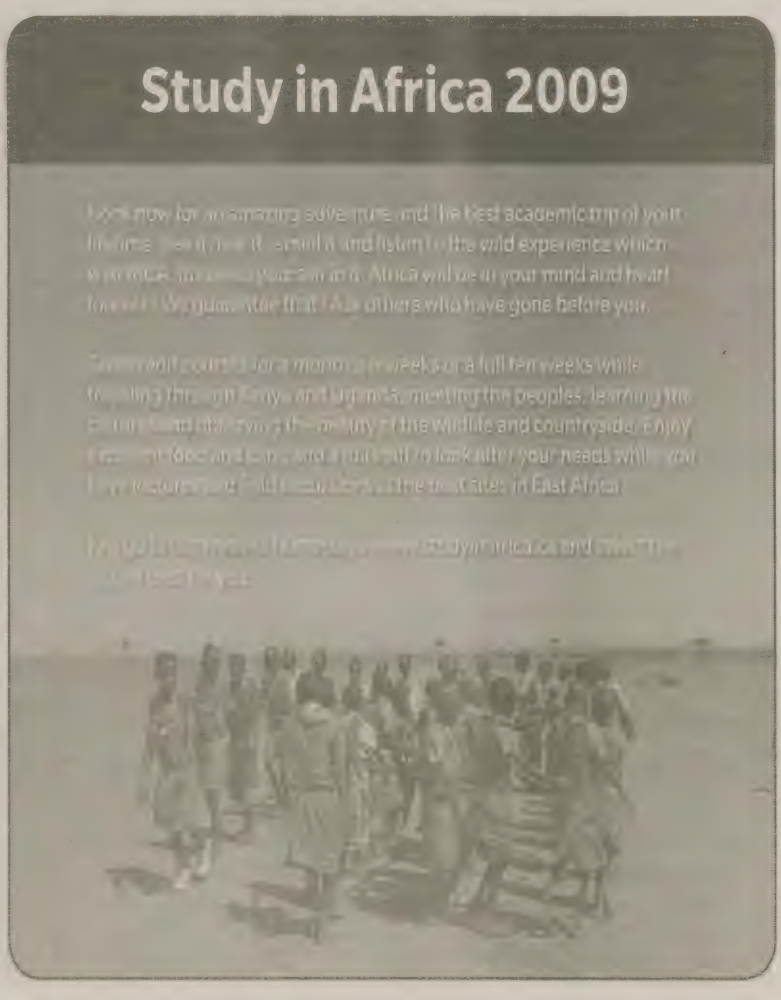

Piano-less exhibit takes listeners inside the music

Arthur Hain

ARTHUR HAIN PHOTO

"Inside Pianos" explored what happens when you take conventional instruments out of music.

Even many non-musical types know that inside a piano is a series of strings attached to a wooden board. Each string corresponds with either a black or white key, and when struck, produces a pleasing sound. We often refer to these sounds as music. But what happens when you remove the keys (or even the piano) altogether? Musical innovation.

"Inside Pianos," a collaborative project at Open Space on Oct. 3, investigated that question. Percussionist Jeffrey Allport and pianists Gust Burns and Andrea Neumann were behind the project, which drew a small but attentive Victoria crowd.

Along with the altered piano soundboards, their arsenal consisted of various volume and delay pedals, an E-Bow, drums (floor tom and snare, only), lids, SOS pads, marbles, roach clips, clothespins, tuning forks, kitchen forks, springs and an aluminum foil pie tray. Oh, and a small, neon green, battery operated device, which Neumann explained was originally used in combination with a short pencil to create a kind of vibrato-handwriting. Conventional? Hardly.

Both Neumann and Burns concentrated on their piano soundboards, Neumann with various metal objects and Burns with wooden sticks differing in length and width held vertically between strings that he rubbed up and down to create frequencies. Allport explored percussion in a similarly unique way, using friction between objects to create oscillations, with different objects producing different sound levels and qualities.

Throwing away not only traditional mediums but song and note structure as well, the trio concentrated instead on the frequencies, resonances, pitches and reverberations of their instruments. They focused on the texture of sounds, as well as the momentum these sounds can build together. They are extremely careful and delicate with their instruments, and appreciate the importance of silence within a piece, proving that the spaces between notes or sounds are often as important as the sounds themselves.

It may seem like static or noise to many listeners, but in listening carefully, you become appreciative of the subtle fluctuations in pitch, the undulating hums and the overall ambiance created. As classically trained musicians (Neumann studied piano in Berlin), the creators of "Inside Pianos" are well versed in musical theory and explore many concepts in new and innovative ways.

The pieces are very gradual, sparking curiosity often with a single quiet sound and subtly building on it throughout. They are wave-like, with relatively high intensity portions interspersed with sections where it seems that there is little more than white noise. There are even recurrent themes or patterns if you are careful enough to notice them. The attentive listener notices that many elements of classical music are discernible even through the strange mediums used.

The project is very much an experiment with the listener's ability to discard their expectations of how music should be presented. The isolated piano soundboard after which the project is named is very much representative of the project itself, taking the essences of music, and removing the forms under which we recognize it. It manipulates our expectations and associations, and presents us with something raw and internal to music. "Inside Pianos" shows us that the instrument is merely a vehicle for expressing music, and not necessarily the source itself.

Swappers save money while building wardrobes

Trisha Gieni

This time of year a student's bank account looks about $2,500 smaller, and the supply of tank tops and board shorts seems a bit thin. Last year's fall collection isn't as appealing as it once was, but the chances of buying a new wardrobe are slim.

Enter the clothing swap.

While almost every clothing swap has drastically different rules (or lack thereof), they are surprisingly easy to throw and often follow common themes.

The set-up is simple. A host location is decided between friends, then the hosts invite everyone they know (or at least the friends they think have amazing style), then start looking through their own closets. Everything they don't wear (but is still in good condition), is thrown in a bag for the swap.

Now, this is where the events vary. Sometimes each person has his/her own little pile and displays the clothing like a market. Other times everything goes into the center and there's a free-for-all.

The recent swap hosted at UVic student Mandy Annand's house was a mixture of both.

As each guest walked through the front door, they added to the box in the center of the living room. Sometimes items didn't make it into the box, however, with some of the hosts intercepting outfits that they happened to sneak a peek at while greeting. Such are the perks of hosting a swap.

A variety of foods were cooked and eaten as the box continued to fill in the center of the room.

"What store would let you eat if you're unhappy because something doesn't fit?" remarked one swapper as she filled her plate.

Some of the attendees at Annand's swap were veterans while others were swap virgins, so the rules had to be explained. The biggest debate of the evening was what to do if two people wanted the same item.

TRISHA GIENI PHOTO

Swappers peruse their options at one UVic student's clothing swap.

After some discussion, arm wrestling became the means of deciding who got what. This proved to be important, as guests began sizing up their competition. Beijing paralympian, Stephanie Dixon attended, humouring those who challenged her to an arm wrestle before she lowered her opponent's arm to the table with ease; a second attempt was never made.

At some clothing swaps, conflicts are solved by each participant trying on the item and the rest of the attendees voting on who looks best in it or through bartering.

At this swap, piles had previously been sorted according to various characteristics of each piece of clothing. At one point the atmosphere was similar to that of a stock exchange, with everyone yelling. The only difference was the subject matter.

"Things with buttons over here," yelled someone.

"I have skirts and dresses in this pile," said someone else.

The evening progressed with each pile having a representative hold up the items while everyone else either made a case for their clothing pieces of choice or told someone else why they should have them.

At the end of the night, everyone had something new for their closet and it hadn't cost them a thing.

Clothing swaps aren't only an excellent way to clean out those drawers, but also a way to shop without your wallet. They're becoming more popular with students who are tired of their wardrobe but have textbooks to purchase before they use their credit cards for anything wearable.

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Concert benefits child soliders

An evening with Romeo Dallaire and Bruce Cockburn proves to be both informative and entertaining

Rebecca Tucker

The University Centre Auditorium was granted a great honour Saturday, Oct. 4, when Lt.-Gen. Romeo Dallaire and Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn presented their "Child Soldiers No More" benefit concert.

The faculty of Human and Social Development arranged for the two Canadians to present their stand against child soldiers worldwide in a compelling, passionate manner.

The first half of the concert was devoted to Dallaire's disturbing speech about the global issue of child soldiers. After a brief intermission, Bruce Cockburn appeared on stage and played some of his best-loved songs.

The concert opened with a short video portraying some startling details about child soldiers, accompanied by alarming pictures of these children holding dangerous weapons.

Dallaire was then introduced by Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of Human and Social Development. Before he was able to say a word, the entire audience — all 1,200 people — were on their feet applauding.

Dallaire was very well-spoken, especially for someone whose first language is not English, and the moving, charismatic way he presented his speech had each person in the auditorium hanging on every word.

Although he did refer to his own experiences, the majority of Dallaire's presentation was dedicated to the issue of child soldiers worldwide. Dallaire delivered a riveting, unforgettable speech, full of insight, shock, and even humor. His mission of calling to attention the issue of child soldiers in underdeveloped countries was undoubtedly fulfilled at UVic. Although he mainly focused on this problem in Africa, Dallaire ascertained that this concern is also alive in Asia, Central and South America and Eastern Europe, whether the children are involved in an arms war or drug war.

The pictures shown in the presentation depicted seven-year-olds with machine guns.

Many audience members expressed horror as they witnessed this. After his presentation, Dallaire responded to questions, giving a thorough answer to each query.

Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn, who has also been an activist in the deterrence of child soldiers, also presented a stunning performance. He too received a standing ovation from the crowd before he was able to begin his presentation.

Cockburn astonished the crowd with his music. Although he was alone on the stage with only his guitar, the sound completely filled the room and energized the crowd. Some of his songs pertained more to the theme of the concert, such as "The Mines of Mozambique," as well as strumming out some favourites such as "Wondering Where the Lions Are" and "Lovers in a Dangerous Time," both of which had the audience singing along.

Cockburn explained the stories behind his songs, obligingly answering the questions audience members were shouting out. The music was gripping, and it was evident that each and every song had a deep meaning both to the listener and to the performer.

Halfway through Cockburn's performance, Dallaire once again took his place on stage. As Cockburn played haunting background music,

Romeo Dallaire told a story of an encounter with a very young boy when he was in Rwanda. Dallaire recalled his mixed emotions about this child, and pondered the whereabouts of this boy, now a teenager.

Both men exited the stage after this brilliant coordination of music and remembrance. Cockburn returned to play a quick encore, and then he once again thanked the audience.

The stirring, emotional concert proved its worth in exposing the importance of attention to these global issues.

The disturbing factors of Dallaire's speech could remain etched in the minds of those lucky enough to witness this show, and will inevitably inspire many people to take action.

It was evident that both men had put heart and soul into their respective presentations, and left no dull moment all night.

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The disturbing facts in Lt.-Gen. Romeo Dallaire's speech, like the fact that over 300,000 children are used for support combat roles, will remain etched in the minds of those able to witness the Saturday night show.

LIFE OF A CHILD SOLDIER

It is estimated that over 300,000 children in over 30 countries are used in combat support roles, as direct combatants, as sexual slaves, as human shields and even as mine detectors. Coerced through threats, drugs and physical and sexual violence, children are killing and dying in conflicts around the world.

The concert, put on by the faculty of Human and Social Development, raised money for the Child Soldiers Initiative (CSI), an international research and intervention effort committed to putting a stop to the use of child soldiers.

Lt.-Gen. Romeo Dallaire, the UN Force Commander in Rwanda during the genocide in 1994 (when over 800,000 people were murdered in 100 days), is familiar with the use of children as weapons of war and has committed himself to seeing this practice eradicated.

Child soldiers that survive suffer from vicious psychological traumas and have difficulty rehabilitating into society after the conflict that sired them ends. Young girls used as sex slaves, who have only recently been recognized as child soldiers, are particularly in danger of never being rehabilitated. Overcome by guilt for what was done to them, female child soldiers are often not accepted by their communities, Dallaire said.

The rehabilitation of child soldiers and war-affected children is one of the central goals of the CSI, which recieved every cent of the $81.50 ticket price. The CSI was developed by three UVic School of Child and Youth Care researchers, Sibyelle Artz, Marie Hoskins and Daniel Scott.

"Our research is aimed at developing effective methods of re-introducing these children to a stable life," said Artz.

Dallaire discussed the use of child soldiers as a "sophisticated weapons system." Low-tech and low cost, but highly effective, governments and militias use child soldiers as cheap, renewable resources to spread fear.

The deployment of this weapon's system forces difficult legal and ethical questions upon developed nations. The most important question, in Dallaire's opinion, is over what responsibility developed nations have toward child soldiers.

Dallaire cited the Responsibility to Protect, a Canadian-born concept accepted by UN Security Council that claims that states have a right to protect their populations from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity. If states do not protect their populations, the international community has a responsibility to act.

Having seen traditional forms of observation-based peacekeeping fail in Rwanda in 1994 and the international community fail to act, Dallaire said that we "cannot stand and watch." He advocated the use of force if necessary to protect peaceful, moderate groups, as well as the co-operation of military, humanitarian and political groups to co-ordinate the end to the use of child soldiers.

"The solution to end the use of child soldiers will only come with the empowerment of women to be a new force in conflict resolution, the education of children so they have the tools to decide and the promotion of a mutual respect between peoples that goes beyond mere tolerance," Dallaire concluded.

- Doug Hamilton-Evans

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HEELS AND HOSTELS

I went to Darwin and all I got was burnt

Meghan Nay

"Hi, I'm just calling about the mango picking jobs?"

"You need to get your name on the list."

"Then can I put my name on the list?"

"Are you in Darwin?"

"No."

"Come to Darwin and we'll put your the name on the list."

Voila. I had just solved all my financial problems. I'd use the last of my money and head to the west of Australia to pick mangos in Darwin. It would be fast money, a change of scenery and a humbling experience.

The night of my flight I was buzzing with excitement. Though I was sad to say goodbye to my friends in Cairns, I was ready for a new adventure; a fresh start. I would be a mango-picking phenomenon, plucking fruit from a tree the way Victoria Beckham plucks her eyebrows.

As we pulled into the airport the pilot informed us it was a warm 30 degrees. That wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't nine o'clock at night. What was it like at midday — 600 degrees? I began to worry.

Too tired to think much about it, I boarded the free shuttle to the centre of Darwin city. There, I grabbed my buffalo-sized bag and sweated my way towards the nearest hostel. But hostel one was full. So was hostel two. And three. By the time I reached hostel four (the last on the street) I was literally dripping with sweat.

They say the average person sweats four cups per day; in Darwin, you sweat about 10,000 times that. They must sell a lot of deodorant.

The following morning I headed to the fruit-picking office. I was eager to start work and finally make some real money. There, I was rudely informed that due to "unforeseen weather conditions," the mango-picking season would be delayed by three weeks. Why did that not come up when I called? Bitter and unemployed, I was a complete mess.

Meanwhile, due to the severe humidity, I had developed an afro the size of a hula hoop. I looked like a redheaded Scary Spice. And because sun-tanning was completely out of the question, I spent my afternoons frolicking around the pool. You know how they say you burn more easily in water? I hadn't heard. Three hours of frolicking later, and it looked like I had a flesh-eating skin disease. Patches of red littered my body. My face was swollen. I could barely sit down to pee. I'd been in Australia for five months for god's sake. Did I have no base — at all?

After three days of nothing but sweating, burning and moping I decided it was time I got out and did something.

Malnourished and so dehydrated I was peeing orange, I set off for the botanical gardens. To the girl at my hostel's reception desk who told me it was a 10 to 15 minute walk: I plan to find you and kill you. Forty-five minutes later, I found myself at the gardens, soaking wet, red-faced and in no mood for Darwin's tropical paradise.

Since I was there already, I figured I might as well go in. I was met with wall to wall green (shrubs, plants, trees, grass) and a series of paths to choose from. Could they make it any more confusing? Why three turns at every corner? Why not just the one direct path? I wanted a stroll through the gardens, not a frigging Rubik's cube.

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

I gave it a solid 10 minutes before paying the $2 to take the bus straight back to my hostel.

That night, I decided to continue my 'take charge' approach and embark on another adventure. I settled on the famous Thursday Night Markets located at Mindilin beach. I made it just in time for the sunset where I sat on the gorgeous white-sand beach watching the sun descend, surrounded by kids and couples, plus some backpackers getting shitfaced and passing out.

It was lovely.

By the time the sun was down I was ready for the markets. Though there were the usual stands (the handmade jewelry, the artwork, the hippie clothing) they were few compared to the hundreds of food vendors: Thai, Indian, Chinese, Greek.

One sign did catch my eye though, and it was enough to make me puke up my 97 cent noodles: 'Road Kill Café.' The sign read, 'you kill it, we'll grill it,' and it featured the likes of wild boar, kangaroo, camel and crocodile.

And it was packed! Aussies can be such weirdos.

I awoke Friday morning still slightly scarred from seeing a possum sausage, but excited that I would be going to the "Jumping Crocodiles" on the Adalaide River. I had booked in with a tour through my hostel, hoping it would give me a chance to meet some people during the long drive to the river.

Wrong.

Stepping onto the shuttle bus I was faced with two families, an elderly couple and one guy who was fast asleep. Looked like I'd be reading my book.

One hot, long bus ride later we arrived at the river and I couldn't wait to see my first real live crocodile. As I stepped off the shuttle, I was startled by the seedy-looking tour guide who pulled me forward and thrust a giant python around my neck. What?

Instantly the massive creature began to writhe around my body, its tongue flickering the back of my neck. Where was this in the brochure?

"Does it bite?" I asked nervously.

"Yup," he said deadpan.

"Is it poisonous?"

"Yup." Again, not a blink.

Soon the snake began to tighten its grip around my neck. I was visibly in horror, eyes wide, legs shaking and —yup— I peed just a little.

"But don't worry, they kill their prey by strangling them," he assured me without a hint of a smile.

Who was this guy, the Antichrist? Luckily, the crocodile cruise was amazing. We were literally feet away from massive crocs jumping out of the water, baring hundreds of sharp teeth. I'd take them over the python any day.

The next 24 hours only added to my tension. Internet was costing over $8 an hour, and when I opted to stay in and watch a movie the reception lady called me a "loser."

But it wasn't till I woke up Saturday morning and headed to the communal kitchen to discover that my milk, eggs and bread had all been stolen, that I finally cracked.

That was it. I was going back to Cairns.

Screw the heat. Screw the massive snakes. Screw the lady who called me a loser. One quick call to my hostel in Cairns and I had my job back within seconds.

And, really, no one was surprised I was coming back.

Travel guru to visit Victoria

Who: Bolen Books Presents: Rick Steves
Where: Alix Goolden Performance Hall
When: Saturday, Oct 11., 5:30 p.m.

Kailey Willetts

Still dreaming of that backpack trip through Europe, but don't think you can afford it? Maybe you're simply unsure of how to start. All wannabe travelers are in luck, because Bolen Books is presenting travel guru Rick Steves for an informative travel talk this Saturday.

The author of Europe Through the Back Door and host of the Rick Steves' Europe TV series will be sharing his latest experiences and some insider information on the best parts of European travel.

Steves, a Washington native, said he is taking an even more budget-focused approach to travel because of the weak American dollar.

"Whether you're a student or not a student, it's just really important to know how to get the most out of your time and your limited budgets," said Steves.

He encourages travelers to become "temporary locals" — going to the small mom-and-pop shops for dinner instead of the chains on the main streets, and getting to know the people actually living in a community. His books focus on getting the feel for a city, rather than the uniform luxury found in hotels worldwide.

"Students have more fun when they're meeting locals over there," Steves said. "There are great places to discover in every corner of Europe."

Europe Through the Back Door is a two-part guide — "Travel Tips" and "Back Doors." Steve's travel tips include just about everything you'd need to know for European travel, including tips for women traveling alone, gay travelers and senior travelers. Steves also includes vital knowledge about dealing with language barriers and understanding cultural sensitivities — like not wearing that miniskirt in a 1,000-year-old church.

Steve's all-around guide also includes back doors into almost everywhere in Europe, making it the perfect travel companion for the backpacker with big intentions but little packing space.

Though he has recently been traveling in Eastern Europe, Steves said, personally, his favourite country is Italy. He has been traveling in Europe since 1969, and since 1973 has spent 120 days of every year exploring the continent. He has written 30 guidebooks and runs a European tour company.

When it comes to European travel, Steves is the man. His website (www.ricksteves.com) is packed with information and travel tips, including a section called "Daring to Sleep Cheap," which covers the ins and outs of small, cheap hotels and guest houses.

Steves said he likes to share his most recent travel experiences during his talks, which for the Bolen Books event could include Turkey or even Iran, where he was recently visiting.

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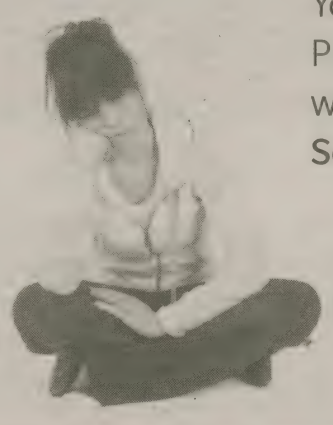

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Vikes cruise past Port Alberni in season the opener

Jonathon Wolsey

Battling through heavy wind and rain last Saturday, Oct. 4, the Vikes women's rugby started their season off with a 27-7 victory over the Port Alberni Black Sheep.

Coming off a fourth place finish at last week's Can-West Tournament, the ladies were itching for a win on their opening day.

At the start of the first half Port Alberni had taken advantage of the Vikes' sluggish pace by holding them deep inside their own half for the first 15 minutes.

The Vikes, however, maintained composure with a sturdy defensive line. Their efforts paid off with a try by freshman Kayla Read, one of three freshmen to score tries on Saturday.

Wet conditions limited the passing, causing Port Alberni to depend on their forward pack. The Vikes took a different approach and used their backs in the slippery conditions. Freshman Meghan Richely's swiftness resulted in another UVic try in the closing minutes of the first half to put the Vikes up 10-0.

In the second half, the Vikes came out with force, upping the pace of the game with quick offensive tactics. Captain Sarah Logan showed great vision by using a tap-and-go, brushing off the Alberni defense and giving the Vikes their third try of the afternoon.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Port Alberni failed to hold off UVic's fast paced attack in the game last Saturday.

With the tries against them in a high tempo match, Port Alberni looked sluggish. Their disorganization caused them to be caught off guard by the quick UVic line outs and precise kicking over the Port Alberni back line. The well-placed kicks allowed the Vikes to use their speed and aggressiveness to catch their opponents by surprise.

Key to the Vikes' ball possession in the second half was the unmerciful tackles which led to the Vikes winning in the rucks.

Stripping the ball in the ruck allowed Nikki Palle to score a try to complete the strong UVic freshman showing. She flawlessly kicked the first conversion of the game, increasing the lead to 27-0.

Lindsay Shannon of Port Alberni scored a consolation try in the closing minutes with a conversion by Jane Cruttenden. Their effort was too late, however, as the Vikes went on to win 27-7.

After the game coach Brad Skene was happy with the effort his squad put forth.

"After the Can-West tournament we let the youngest players gain some experience with game time," he said. "The young group did well with the structure and had worked hard in practices."

Sarah Logan said playing against her home team was strange but fun.

"It's rugby, you compete hard each game," she said, adding that they fielded a younger team, giving them some experience for future games.

Looking ahead, the Vikes will have their biggest test of their season on Saturday, Oct. 11, when they visit Premier League defending champions Velox at 11:30 a.m.

University of Victoria VIKES ScoreBoard

Women's Rugby - Oct. 4

UVic 27 Port Alberni 7

IN THE NEWS

- Swimmer Stephanie Dixon and soccer goalie Dan Kilpatrick were selected as September's Vikes Varsity Council White Spot athletes of the month. Dixon returned home from the Paralympic Games with four medals while Kilpatrick posted three shutouts with a .88 per cent goals against average.
- UVic's men's soccer was selected as the team of the month after posting a 7-1 record in September with a 7 game winning streak.
- On Friday, the Vikes face off against the Velox Valhallans at Centennial Stadium. Bitter rivals Velox defeated Cowichan by a score of 59-0 last weekend.
- **Rowing:** UVic heads to the third annual National Rowing Championships, which run from Friday through Sunday in Longon, Ont.
- **Football:** The Victoria Rebels host the Kamloops Broncos at Royal Athletic Park on Saturday at 4 p.m. The Rebels hope to improve on their 2-5 record at the expense of the 1-7 Broncos.

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UVic Men's Soccer has depth to challenge for title

Andrew Smith

The Vikes men's soccer team has kicked off their 2008-2009 campaign with their best start since their 2004 championship year. With the highest goal differential of over 13 in the Canada West Division, the squad is ready to challenge for the division title.

Coach Bruce Wilson is expecting his team to make playoffs. A second place standing is what it would take to get to the CIS Nationals hosted by Carleton University, a chance last year's squad was denied in a 2-1 semifinal loss to UBC.

"Our goal this year is to make playoffs," he said. "We're already over halfway sitting in second place."

Despite their heart-breaking 1-0 weekend loss to the Thunderbirds, the Vikes are still five points clear of rivals Trinity Western. Coach Wilson feels his side is capable of winning the championship with a strong arsenal of seasoned players.

With three returning Canada West All-Stars and new summer additions, he feels his side has the most depth in the league.

"A lot of these young players are on the bench look like they've been around for years," he said. "I've told our team, it doesn't matter who we play, I can bring people off the bench and I'm confident that they can get the job done."

Leading this year's Canada West division with seven goals is 2007 Canada West First Team all-star Cole McFarlane. Joining him in the attack up front is Victoria native Jordie Orberg, signed by the Vikes after leading the Vancouver Island Premier League in scoring with 18 goals last season.

The role of midfield domination lies in the hands of Capilano College veterans Patrick Nelson and Will Gye. Joining them in the midfield is breakout rookie Dave Adams, coming to the Vikes from the Vancouver Whitecaps development program. After cracking the starting line up, Coach Wilson is looking forward to the young star's future.

"This young player has really stepped up," he said. "He has put himself in position to be a starter. He has proved that he does belong on the field with a seasoned team."

At the core of the defense is their captain and 2007 Canada West Second Team All Star Sam Wingham. His transition from midfield has been smooth as he teams up with keeper Dan Kilpatrick. Kilpatrick led the division last year with six shutouts and was selected to the Canada West Second all-star Team.

Coach Wilson believes his team has the composure to top their division.

"Everybody is a year older," he said. "We know what it takes to win this league."

With just two narrow losses to Alberta and UBC, his squad is still in the race to be division champions. The squad hopes to maintain their second place five-point lead against Trinity Western and Fraser Valley this weekend.

PLAYER PROFILE - COLE MCFARLANE

ARMANDO TURA PHOTO

"Cole McFarlane is a player that is ready for the next level," Vikes Coach Doug Wilson said. "He could play at the [Vancouver] Whitecaps level. Cole is definitely a player of that caliber."

The highly-decorated fourth year history major is one of UVic's finest athletes. Topping this year's Canada West Division with seven goals, his vision for the game has been crucial to the Vikes' early success.

McFarlane was brought up through the National Training Centre in Calgary, Alta. Throughout his career, he played for every provincial team division and starred for the local club Foothills Utd. But it wasn't until signing for UVic that he moved from the midfield into the striker position.

The decision was made by his coach, who has seen McFarlane excel in his new role. No other Canada West player has matched the 27 goals he has netted while playing at UVic.

McFarlane attributes much of his success to Doug Wilson's management technique.

"I like Chief's style," he said. "He's old fashioned with an emphasis on fitness. He got me started as a striker, it seems to be working."

The modest player also stated that much of his success is due to the quality of his team. "It's down to my teammates," McFarlane said. "How we played is centered around me getting flick-ons. I put some in the net, but without the team and the style we play, it wouldn't be like that at all."

After scoring the a third of their 2008 goals, the Vikes hope McFarlane will continue to produce for them. With a 6-2-1 record, McFarlane will be looking to avenge the two consecutive losses to rivals UBC this year.

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VIKES ScoreBoard

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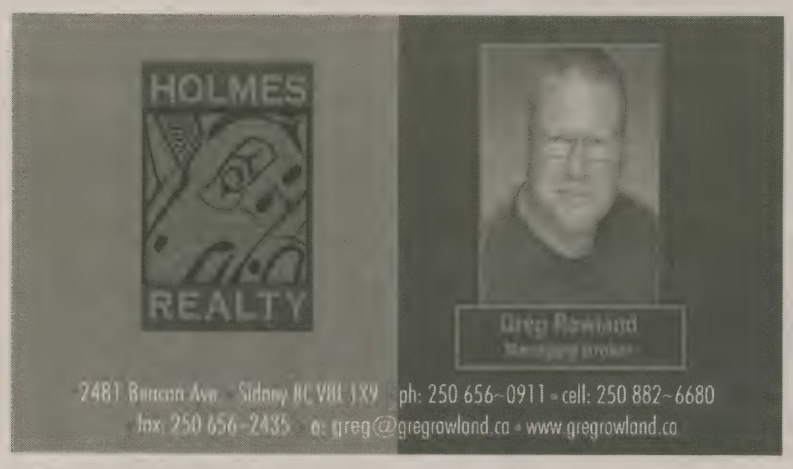
UBC 1 UVic 0

Women's Field Hockey - Oct. 4
Alberta 1 UVic 1

Women's Soccer - Oct. 5
Manitoba 0 UVic 1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Piggies hand Vikes third shutout win on Saturday

Andrew Smith

A capitalizing defense saw the UVic Vikes defeat the Cowichan Piggies 27-0. Despite having the home field advantage last Saturday Oct. 4, Cowichan was unable to penetrate a full force UVic line-up.

Both sides were sloppy in the opening half as the dreary weather caused an abundance of knock-ons and poorly executed passes. Established rucks diminished into free-for-alls as players put their bodies on the line to regain possession.

Vikes Flanker John Moonlight was the first to open the scoring. After charging down a poorly timed Cowichan defensive clearance, he was able to link up with a tipped grubber by Nathan Hirayama. The try was successfully converted by Hirayama for a score of 7-0 in the Vikes' favour.

Cowichan continued to press on despite their lack of fluid passes and miss-timed runs. With new addition Judsen Garside, the Piggies forward pack appeared to match the strength of their younger opponents. Their rucking was able to place them deep in the Vikes' half.

Their efforts were annihilated by Team Canada veteran Dave Spicer's clutch kicking in the Vikes' 22, relieved the pressure on their defensive line.

UVic Coach Doug Tate commented after that match that his side was playing well defensively.

"That's two games now where we haven't allowed the opposition to score," he said.

After several phases of penalties and mud sloshing play, Vikes' centre Jordan Kozina was able to capitalize on a Cowichan deflection to increase their lead 12-0. Hirayama's conversion and penalty minutes later would put the Vikes up 17-0.

The second half was much of the same story. UVic winger Gordie Sawers was able to break through the Piggies backline before Sean Duke snuck in the corner for the Vikes' fourth try of the day.

Despite their display of strong defense and four tries run in, Coach Tate described his side's performance as lack-lustre.

"We never really got on track today," he said. "Credit to Cowichan for slowing the game down."

After the Vikes crushed Velox last week by a margin of 46-15 it's no wonder the Piggies opted to slow the pace of the match. Their back line was unable to compete with the speed and agility of a younger, craftier side.

With just 15 points scored against them all season, UVic are a strong threat against last year's Barnard Cup Champions James Bay. They currently hold a perfect record with 3-0 going into their next match.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

UVic's Dean Neville fends off a Cowichan tackle in the game that saw the Vikes win 27-0 last Saturday.

VIKES SELECTED FOR CANADA 7'S

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Sean Duke was the youngest player selected to represent Canada.

Rugby Canada has announced that five UVic Men's Rugby players will be selected to attend the World Cup qualifiers for the North American (NAWIRA) zone, to be held in Nassau, in the Bahamas Oct. 25-26.

The five include forwards Adam Kleeberger and Neil Meechan, and starting back liners Phil MacKenzie, Jordan Kozina and youngster Sean Duke.

Duke had impressed the coaching staff during his summer performances while competing with Canada West at the North American Four tournament. His acceleration was a key factor in his selection for the seven's squad.

If the team fares well during the qualifiers, they will travel to Dubai for the Rugby World Cup Seven's tournament, in March 2009.

VIRU Elite Week 3 Standings

2008-2009	W	L	T	F	A	B	P
UVIC	3	0	0	95	15	2	14
JBAA	2	0	0	63	24	1	9
VELOX VALHALLIANS	1	1	0	74	46	1	5
CASTAWAY WANDERERS	0	2	0	11	33	1	1
COWICHAN	0	3	0	13	135	0	0

COMING UP

- **Men's Rugby:** Vikes travel to Windsor Park to face the Castaway Wanderers on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.
- **Men's Rugby:** Vikes travel to MacDonald Park to face the James Bay AA on Oct.

LEAGUE SCORERS

- **Nathan Hirayama (UVic):** The Vikes fly half Leads the Elite division with 9 conversions and 3 penalty kicks/drop goals to total 27 pts.
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Vikes shoot for the cure and manage to sweep Alumni

Eric Hertz

On Oct. 4, UVic's women's and men's basketball teams went head to head with alumni players in an effort to raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Society.

Not only were the games an excellent fund raiser, they allowed the teams to practice against exceptional competition.

The women's stamina and composure was tested as they played two games in a row. Their first was a scrimmage against Vancouver's Capilano College.

Women's basketball coach Brian Cheng realizes his squad will never be faced with consecutive matches in the same day.

"We'll never have a back-to-back in our league," Cheng said. "We wanted a situation where it was like a second game on the road ... [a] fatigued situation for the players. We want to see who can play under those conditions for us."

Cheng's squad was up against a highly decorated competition. The 11 women playing for the Alumni collectively have seven national championships under the belts. Their skill and experience showed early on during the match. The alumni team featured former all-Canadians Lindsay Brooke, Danny Everett and Ryan McKay.

The Vikes zone defence was no answer for the Alumni three-point shooting as they were outscored 38-31 by halftime. After a shaky start, the Vikes defense raised the intensity. They took the lead with 4:30 remaining in the fourth quarter with stellar three-point shooting and strong defensive play.

The Alumni defence started to falter as they lost their smooth ball movement that was so effective in the first half. To clinch the game with three seconds left, Ashley Yee of the Vikes came up with a key block on a possible game tying three-pointer. Shortly after the Alumni were denied, the Vikes put the game out of reach with a 1 point free throw.

Ryan McKay led the way for the Alumni with 13 points while Kayla Dykstra led the Vikes with 11 points. The final score was 62 Vikes, 58 Alumni.

The Vikes men were next to take on their alumni opponents. The men's alumni featured Steve Moore, Keith Bustard and Lucky Walia. The game got off to a slow start with neither team really finding a rhythm in the first quarter.

Despite a stiff defence that caused the Vikes to turnover possession, they still led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was a complete turn around as the Vikes came out looking like a new team.

Sophomore Ryan McKinnon started off a 21-0 run with two three-pointers, two assists and a steal. The Vikes played stifling defence and ended up with a 36-11 lead at half time.

The second half was much of the same story as Vike Tyler Haas pushed the tempo and kept the pressure on the Alumni. The Alumni fought hard but failed to narrow the point margin with a score of 51-24 at the end of third quarter.

In the fourth quarter Brandon Dunlop put up eight straight points for the Vikes. Brandon Ellis valiantly scored a game-high 20 points, but his efforts failed to seal a win. The final score was 70-45 for the Vikes.

Several players hit double digits for a strong exhibition victory. Mitch Gudgeon put up 13 points for the Vikes and Ryan McKinnon scored 12. Both of the Vikes' rookies, Talon Jones and Spencer McLean made an impact with 5 and 3 points respectively.

While the games were a good pre-season outing for the Vikes, it was the fans that really benefited from the matches. Development and Alumni relations officer Brent Dobbie saw the matches as a great way to build community support.

"I can remember going to these games when I was a kid," he said. "The games bring back players that the fans had seen when they played for UVic. It's great for the community."

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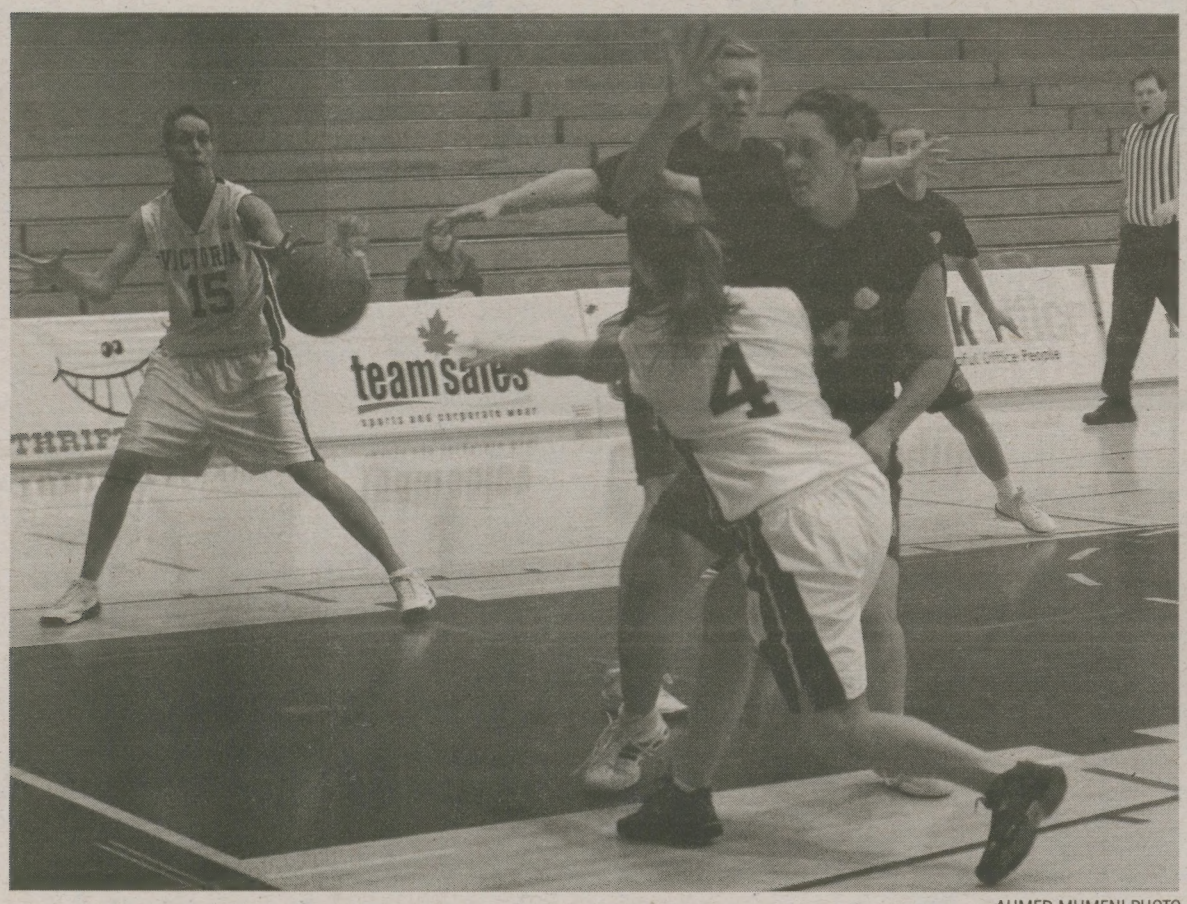
UVic Women's Basketball	62	Women's Alumni	58
UVic Men's Basketball	70	Men's Alumni	45



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Vike Michelle Lee passes off to Vanessa Forstbauer under the hoop, in an effort to beat the alumni team.

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Vike Brandon Dunlop contests an air ball with alumni Steve Moore.

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COMING UP

- **Women's Basketball Season Opener:** Vikes travel to Toronto Oct. 17 for the Yerson Basketball tournament.
- **Women's Basketball First Home Game:** The women's team will host Simon Frasier University on Oct. 31 at 6 p.m.
- **Men's Basketball Season Opener:** Vikes will face off against Laval on Oct. 18 at 12 a.m.
- **Men's Basketball First Home Game;** The Vikes host Simon Fraser University on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m.

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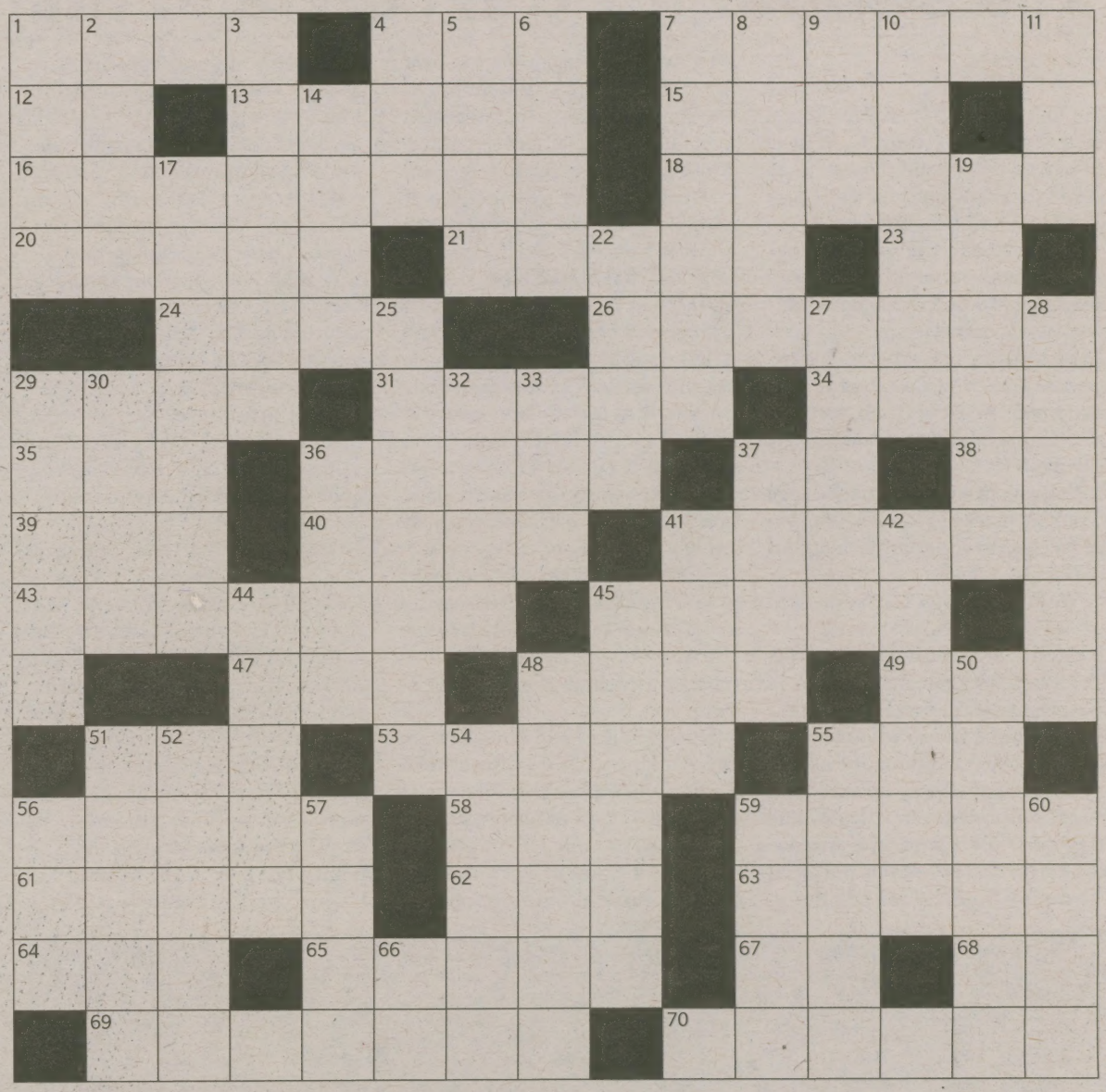

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Seminar given by Dr. Inigo Novales Flamarique, Department of Biological Sciences, SFU.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 11

Women's Field Hockey
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UVic, Field Hockey Pitch
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Fee: UVic Students and Rec Members Free
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Women's Soccer
12 p.m.
UVic, Centennial Stadium
Trinity Western vs. UVic.

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Women's Rugby
11:30 a.m.
UVic, Velox Field
UVic vs. Velox.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 12

Women's Field Hockey
11 a.m.
UVic, Field Hockey Pitch
UBC vs. UVic.

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Women's Soccer
12 p.m.
UVic, Centennial Stadium
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Theology in the Context of Science
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Harry Hickman Building, 105
Lecturer: John Polkinghorne, University of Cambridge, U.K.

Fee: Free
Info: Leslie Kenny
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

Courtesy Stigma: A Hidden Health Concern Among Health and Social Service Workers
4:30 - 6 p.m.
MacLaurin Building, D287
Department of Sociology presents Rachel Phillips, Ph.D Candidate, Department of Sociology, UVic.

Fee: Free
Info: Carole Rains
250-472-4949
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LIVE CONCERTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Flawed By Design, Da' P.H.U.K.'s @ Evolution
9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Tickets available at Old School Tattoos. (No Minors).

Fee: $8 at the door
$6 advance

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9 p.m. - 12 a.m., doors at Noon
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Fee: Free

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

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10 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, ticketweb.ca, Ditch Records & CDs, and Complex. (No Minors).

Fee: $12.50 in advance

Chad Vangaalen, No More Shapes, JODY GLENHAM @ Sugar
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Ball Gag n' Chain Gang, Mr. Plow @ Soprano's
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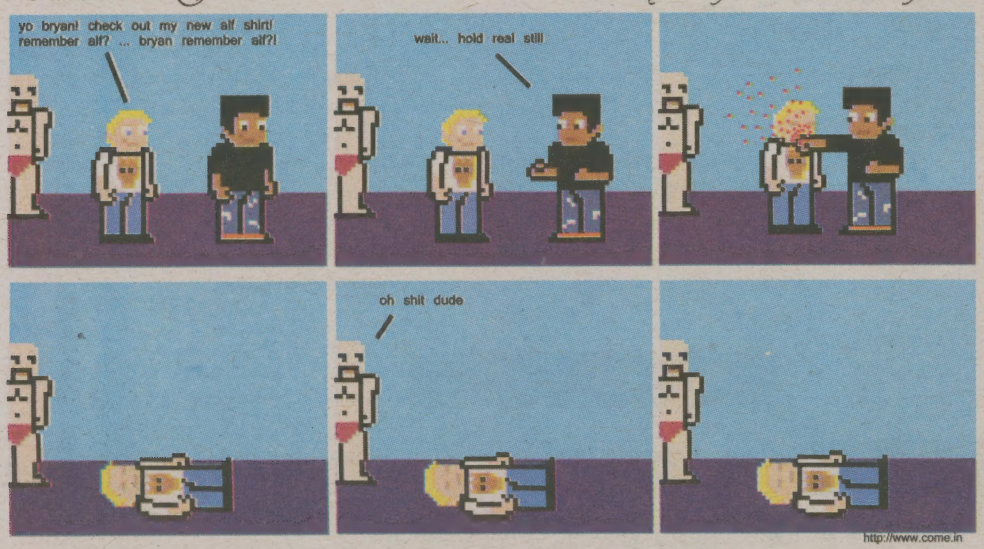

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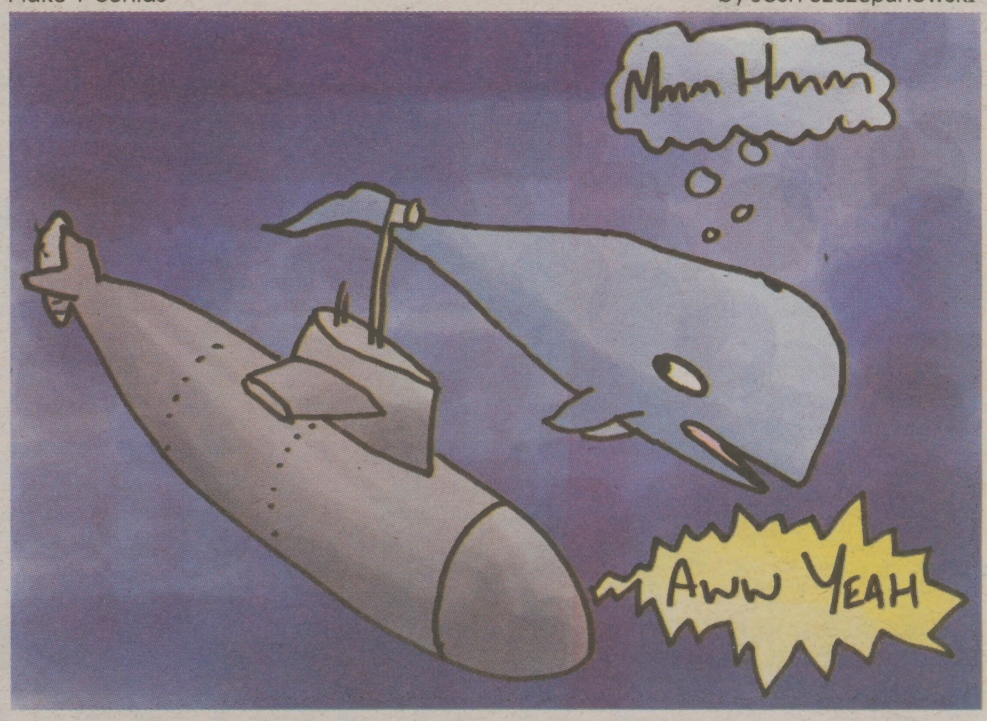

Smith vs. Smith: "The Big Question" by Matt Smith

So, Andrew, when are you and Ash gonna get married?
Matt, I'm sick ofeveryone always asking me that. Can we talk about something else?
Alright...
So when are you and Ash gonna have kids?
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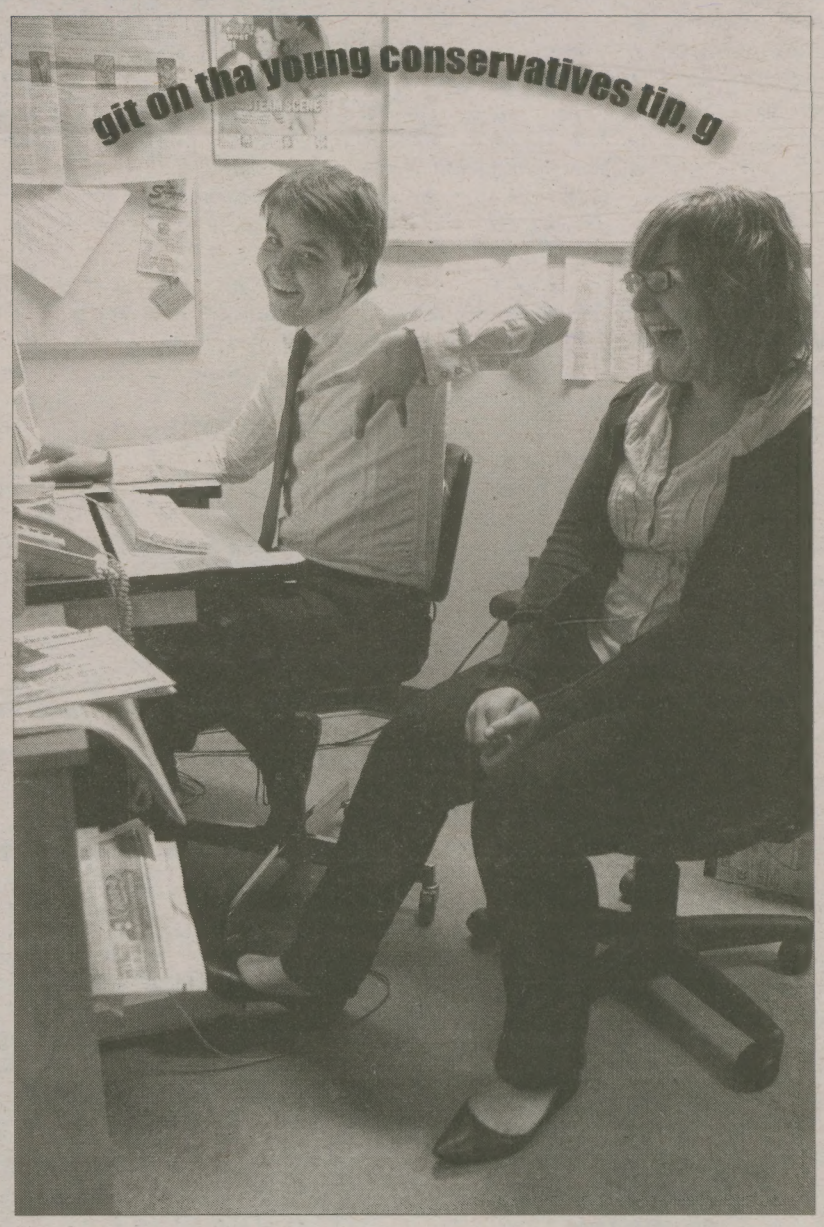

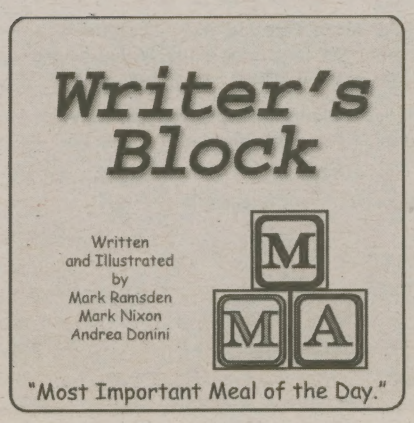

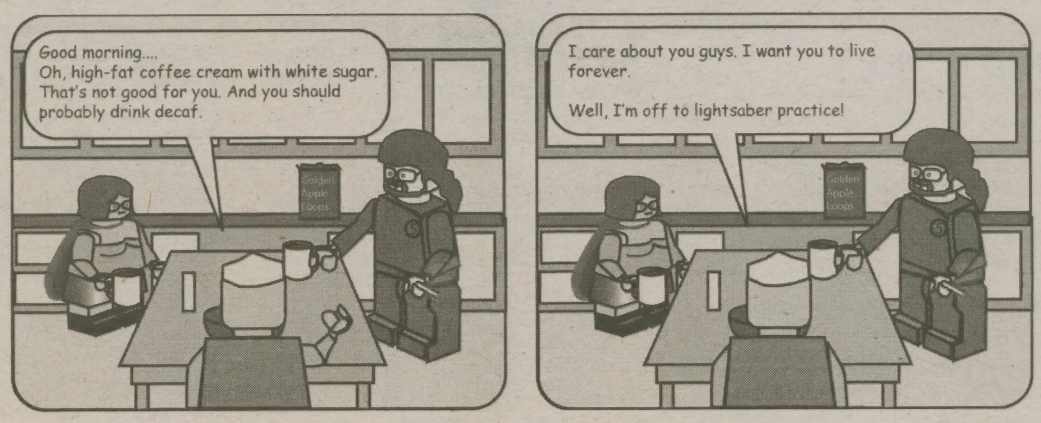
Good morning.... Oh, high-fat coffee cream with white sugar. That's not good for you. And you should probably drink decaf.
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Well, I'm off to lightsaber practice!
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